

High Level Questions

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1. What is the domain that is under consideration?
Ocean Territory Protection Act 2012
2. How is the domain described within the Bill?
The key distinction between the EEZ and the CS occurs in the definition of natural resources.
3. Prefer no regulations, in other words, it should all be contained in the Act. Second preference is that draft regulations should have accompanied the Bill. For example: The Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Methodology) Order 1998 has been under review since 2002.
4. Which organisation is responsible for New Zealand's sea strategy?
5. Definition of effects is critical: Definition of effects should be included as per the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996:
effect includes—
 - (a) any potential or probable effect; and
 - (b) any positive or adverse effect; and
 - (c) any temporary or permanent effect; and
 - (d) any past, present, or future effects; and
 - (e) any acute or chronic effect; and
 - (f) any cumulative effect which arises over time or in combination with other effects

Emerging Issues

Future Issues likely to affect New Zealand's territorial sea

1. Radioactive waste
2. Chemical and Oil spills
3. Climate engineering materials (i.e. equipment used in carbon capture and storage)
4. New forms of pollution e.g. viruses
5. New forms of energy creation
6. New forms of farming