

Controlled Area Notice:
Exotic Caulerpa - Aotea Great Barrier Island
October 2025

New controlled area notices (CANs) are in force today. The controlled areas around Aotea / Great Barrier have changed according to the map below.

● In yellow zones anchoring is now allowed, however, before moving location, you must check your anchor and chain. Any seaweed found must be stored safely on a vessel and disposed of onshore. In these zones the following is now allowed: line fishing with a rod or handline from the shore, fishing from an anchored boat, drift fishing, potting (crab and crayfish), spear fishing and hand gathering. Methods that disturb the seabed are not allowed.

● Red zones are higher-risk zones where there is high-density exotic caulerpa present, or the area has high ecological or cultural value. No anchoring is allowed in these zones.

Schedule 1 – Boundaries of the controlled area notice

This controlled area is defined as areas contained within the marine waters of Aotea Great Barrier Island, extending from the high tide mark to the 40m depth contour around the entire main island and associated islands. Associated islands are defined as those within 5 nautical miles from the main island.

