

Kauri National Park Proposal



What is a national park?

National parks cover some of New Zealand's most outstanding natural places. They are created to help protect distinctive scenery, plants, animals and natural features and to support everyone's enjoyment of the country's natural heritage, so long as it is compatible with its preservation. National parks are created through National Parks Act 1980 and the General Policy for National Parks 2005. The Act calls for national parks to be preserved as far as possible in their natural state.

What is the Kauri National Park proposal?

On 12 February 2010 the New Zealand Conservation Authority (under Section 8 of the National Parks Act), requested the Director-General of Conservation investigate the creation of a new national park based on public conservation land in and around Northland's Waipoua kauri forests.

The Kauri National Park Proposal Public Discussion Paper has been produced by the Department of Conservation in accordance with the Te Roroa Deed of Settlement 2008 and associated protocols. This document

- Informs people about the investigation **and**
- Invites public feedback and ideas for this national park proposal.

What's the purpose of a public discussion paper?

This paper:

- Identifies the areas of public conservation land under investigation for a Kauri National Park;
- explains the statutory process required to establish a national park;
- outlines the concepts and criteria applied to the investigation;
- outlines administration of a national park
- outlines the likely social, economic, cultural and recreation implications of establishing a national park and the potential impact it would have on local communities.



Is this a new idea?

Calls for a national park in the area go back to the turn of last century. The creation of the Waipoua Forest Sanctuary in 1952 followed a long public campaign for national park status. Since DOC was established in 1987, various groups and individuals have continued to seek the establishment of a Kauri National Park.

In 1988 this led to a formal investigation comprising many of Northland's kauri forests. The proposal was later modified to include just the forests surrounding the Hokianga Harbour. An interim report by the New Zealand Conservation Authority was tabled with the Minister of Conservation in 1995. This proposal was not progressed due to clearly expressed views from tangata whenua that it be left until outstanding Treaty of Waitangi claims over the lands in question were resolved. Following the settlement of the Te Roroa Waitangi Tribunal Claim and the passage of the Te Roroa Claims Settlement Act 2008, Te Roroa and DOC formed a Joint Working Group to report to the Director-General of Conservation on the proposal to investigate the establishment of a Kauri National Park. Unlike previous proposals, the current investigation focuses only on Waipoua Forest and public conservation land within the Te Roroa area.

Where is this happening?

This investigation covers 13887.9ha of public conservation land - Waipoua Forest (part of the Northland Conservation Park), the Waipoua Sanctuary Area, the Gorrie, Katui, Marlborough Road and Trounson Kauri Park Scenic Reserves and the Maitahi Wetland Scientific Reserve. All of these lands identified for inclusion in the national park investigation are held as public conservation lands, administered by the Department of Conservation within the rohe (area) of Te Roroa.

Participation is important!

The investigation team encourages people to engage and participate as:

Your views matter – have your say:

- Kauri and kauri forests are an important part of our heritage
- The Public Discussion Paper also includes a section on Te Roroa's aspirations to work with the Department of Conservation at all levels in the management of the national park. However under the National Parks Act, the New Zealand Conservation Authority and the relevant Conservation Board are the governing bodies for national parks and any such discussion of co-governance is outside the scope of this national park investigation.

Questions for you:

We need your feedback on these and any other issues that matter to you in this investigation. Your information will form part of a report to the New Zealand Conservation Authority, which recommends to the Minister of Conservation, whether a national park should be established. Information on how to provide feedback is at the end of this factsheet.



- *Should Waipoua Forest and the surrounding public conservation land become a national park?*
- *Do you agree with the identified boundaries? Where do you believe the boundaries would be best placed?*
- *What do you see as the benefits of a National Park?*
- *What do you see as the costs of a National Park?*

How can I participate?

Hui and workshops are being held around Northland as an opportunity to share information and discuss the proposal with anyone interested. Please refer to the website for further information - <http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/current/kauri-national-park-proposal>

Where can I get more information?

Further information and a copy of the discussion document are available at:

Website	http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/current/kauri-national-park-proposal/public-discussion-paper
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Written feedback should be sent by midday Monday 18 July 2011.



