



Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Regulations to Control Trade in Extinct Species: Discussion Document

Portfolio **Conservation**

On 12 March 2020, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV):

- 1 **noted** that people are taking remains of moa and other extinct wildlife from protected and other sites in order to sell them for commercial gain, thereby harming Māori cultural values and destroying potential scientific information;
- 2 **noted** that the Minister of Conservation intends to release the draft discussion document, attached to the paper under ENV-20-SUB-0012, to facilitate consultation with Māori, plus targeted public consultation, on proposed regulations to control the trade of extinct New Zealand species;
- 3 **approved** the discussion document attached to the paper under ENV-20-SUB-0012 for release;
- 4 **agreed** that minor edits and design changes can be made to the draft document prior to publication;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister of Conservation will report back to ENV in regard to any proposed new regulations following Māori and public consultation.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker (Chair)
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon James Shaw
Hon Eugenie Sage

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