



Cabinet Priorities Committee

Minute of Decision

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Oral Item: No New Mines on Conservation Land Update

Portfolio **Conservation**

On 18 October 2022, the Cabinet Priorities Committee:

- 1 **noted** that mining activities on conservation land are regulated under the Crown Minerals Act 1991, and Schedule 4 of the Act lists land classifications where access cannot be granted for most new mining activities;
- 2 **invited** the Minister of Conservation to submit a paper to the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee, which seeks agreement to amend Schedule 4 to implement the Government commitment of no new mines on conservation land, and includes consideration of advice on existing iwi rights where these relate to alluvial mining, and legislative options which allow for a timely amendment.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kieran McAnulty

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Department of Conservation