



Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

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Options to Improve Conservation Management Processes: Public Consultation

Portfolio Conservation

On 14 April 2022, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 30 September 2021 the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV) agreed to progress targeted amendments to conservation management planning and concessions legislation [ENV-21-MIN-0056];
- 2 **noted** that a Conservation (Management and Processes) Amendment Bill is expected to be introduced in late-2022, with legislation passed in mid-2023;
- 3 **noted** that the Minister of Conservation intends to initiate public consultation and release a discussion document to support legislative change to improve processes for conservation management planning and concessions management, including:
 - 3.1 changes to improve the process for developing and reviewing conservation management planning documents;
 - 3.2 changes to improve efficiency and enable more proactive approaches to concessions management;
 - 3.3 minor and technical changes for the purposes of regulatory stewardship;
- 4 **agreed** to public consultation and the release of the discussion document *Conservation Management and Processes*, attached under ENV-22-SUB-0017 (subject to finalisation by the Minister of Conservation) to support improving conservation management processes;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister of Conservation will report back to ENV with recommended amendments to legislation following public consultation.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Attendance (see over)

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon David Parker (Chair)
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon James Shaw
Rino Tirikatene, MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for ENV

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