



Cabinet paper material

Proactive release

Hon. Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation

Title: New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy – approval to release the discussion document

Date: 30 August 2019

These documents have been proactively released:

Cabinet paper – New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy – approval to release the discussion document

Date: 1 July 2019

Author: Office of the Minister of Conservation

Attachment 1 – New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy – Discussion Document

Date: 1 July 2019

Author: Office of the Minister of Conservation

Attachment 2 – New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy – Draft Te Ao Māori Framework

Date: 1 July 2019

Author: Office of the Minister of Conservation

Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee minute – [ENV-19-MIN-0038]

Date: 27 June 2019

Author: Cabinet Office

Material redacted

No material has been withheld from these documents.



Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

This document contains information for the New Zealand Cabinet. It must be treated in confidence and handled in accordance with any security classification, or other endorsement. The information can only be released, including under the Official Information Act 1982, by persons with the appropriate authority.

New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy: Release of the Discussion Document

Portfolio Conservation

On 27 June 2019, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 25 September 2018, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee agreed to develop a renewed New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy in September 2018 [ENV-18-MIN-0039];
- 2 **noted** that Department of Conservation (DoC) officials have been through a comprehensive phase of early engagement with Treaty Partners and stakeholders to test policy on a renewed New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy;
- 3 **noted** that the Minister of Conservation is now seeking to test these ideas and the approach to the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy in a discussion document, before the strategy is developed and presented to Cabinet by the end of 2019;
- 4 **approved** the publication of the discussion document for public engagement on the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy, subject to paragraph 6 below;
- 5 **authorised** the Associate Minister for the Environment (Hon Nanaia Mahuta), and the Minister of Conservation to finalise text in the discussion document relating to the benefits of protecting and restoring nature for landowners, other users of the environment and brand Aotearoa New Zealand, before public release;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister of Conservation, in consultation with the Minister of Agriculture, to make minor editorial and design changes to the discussion document and the summary document before public release.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Hard-copy distribution: (see over)

Present:

Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker (Chair)
Hon Shane Jones
Hon James Shaw
Hon Eugenie Sage

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for ENV

Hard-copy distribution:

Minister of Conservation

RELEASED BY THE MINISTER OF CONSERVATION