



## Briefing: Stewardship Land: timeline for decisions and Ngāi Tahu Agreement

<b>To</b>	Minister of Conservation	<b>Date submitted</b>	5 December 2024
<b>Action sought</b>	Approve proposed timeline for Western South Island stewardship land reclassification decisions. Sign the attached Agreement and Deed of Grant between you and the Kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.	<b>Priority</b>	High
<b>Reference</b>	24-B-0608	<b>DocCM</b>	DOC-7708621
<b>Security Level</b>	In Confidence		

<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Medium  9(2)(h) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	<b>Timeframe</b>	16 Dec 2024  We are already working with Ngāi Tahu to deliver this work. The signed Agreement and Deed of Grant provides the mechanism for remuneration.
<b>Attachments</b>	Attachment A – Proposed timeline to reclassification decisions for stewardship land in the Western South Island, Te Tai Poutini. Attachment B - Agreement - Stewardship Land Reclassification Western South Island, Te Tai Poutini. Attachment C - Deed of Grant - Stewardship Land Reclassification Western South Island, Te Tai Poutini.		

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## Executive summary – Whakarāpopoto ā kaiwhakahaere

1. This briefing seeks your approval of a timeline (Attachment A) to reach decisions for the reclassification of stewardship land in the Western South Island, Te Tai Poutini.
2. The timeline is contingent on you signing a new Agreement with the Ngāi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere, including a corresponding Deed of Grant (Attachments B and C).
3. The reclassification process in the Western South Island is well advanced. Proposals have been publicly notified, submissions received, and hearings held. Our recommended timeline lays out the remaining steps to your final decisions.
4. DOC will seek final input from Treaty partners, Conservation Boards, and the NZCA. This will form part of your considerations, alongside a summary of submissions report.
5. The proposed Ngāi Tahu Agreement includes a commitment that the Kaiwhakahaere and mana whenua will be given an opportunity to meet with you prior to you making final decisions.
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7. 9(2)(h) [REDACTED]  
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8. Subject to successful engagement with Treaty partners, we are confident that the proposed timeline sets out a process to reach reclassification decisions.

### We recommend that you ... (Ngā tohutohu)

		Decision
a)	<b>Approve</b> the proposed timeline to reach reclassification decisions for stewardship land in the Western South Island (Attachment A).	Yes / No
b)	<b>Sign</b> the attached Agreement, and corresponding Deed of Grant, with the Ngāi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere (Attachments B & C).	Yes / No
c)	<b>Agree</b> to meet with DOC officials, following receipt of the decision briefing and summary of submissions report.	Yes / No
d)	<b>Agree</b> to meet with the Ngāi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere to discuss reclassification, prior to Ministerial and Cabinet consultation.	Yes / No
e)	9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Yes / No
f)	<b>Note</b> your statutory obligations to consider further input from Treaty partners, relevant Conservation Boards, and the New Zealand Conservation Authority (at their discretion).	Noted

9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

Date: 05/12/24

Date: / /

Ruth Isaac  
Deputy Director-General Policy and  
Regulatory Services

Hon Tama Potaka  
Minister of Conservation

## Purpose – Te aronga

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1. To seek your approval of a proposed timeline to enable reclassification decisions for stewardship land in the Western South Island, Te Tai Poutini.
2. Provide context for a new stewardship land reclassification Agreement to be signed by you and the Kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.

## Background and context – Te horopaki

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### ***Stewardship is a holding status for unclassified public conservation land***

3. Stewardship land is public conservation land that has not yet had its natural and historic values assessed, and an appropriate classification determined.
4. Reclassifying stewardship land once its conservation values have been assessed, and Treaty interests identified, ensures it can be managed appropriately. Land identified as having very low or no conservation value can be considered for disposal.
5. A clearly defined land classification provides clarity for users of the land, both recreational and commercial, and reduces the risk of legal challenge of decisions about the land's management.

### ***Stewardship land reclassification in the Western South Island is well advanced***

6. 576 proposals to reclassify 644,016 hectares of stewardship land were publicly notified in May 2022. These were informed by recommendations from a National Panel and Mana Whenua Panel appointed by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Ngāi Tahu). Public submissions were received, and hearings held, concluding on 21 September 2022.
7. You are the decision maker for this process. On 10 June 2024, you provided direction for us to instigate a DOC-led model to conclude the live Western South Island reclassification process, without the further use of Panels [24-B-0015 refers].

### ***A proposed timeline lays out the process to reclassification decisions***

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8. We have proposed a timeline to reach reclassification decisions, included as **Attachment A**. Precise timeframes are contingent on successful engagement with Treaty partners.
9. Initial stages involve seeking final input from relevant Treaty partners, Conservation Boards and the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA). We will compile this input, along with our advice on it, into a final briefing and provide it to you along with a summary of submissions report, decision table, and draft Cabinet paper.
10. The proposed Agreement with Ngāi Tahu includes a commitment that the Kaiwhakahaere and mana whenua will be given an opportunity to meet with you to discuss Western South Island stewardship land reclassification, 9(2)(f)(iv)

11. 9(2)(f)(iv)

### ***An Agreement has been prepared to facilitate Ngāi Tahu engagement***

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13. This has resulted in the development of an Agreement, setting out a process by which DOC will work with Ngāi Tahu to ensure your final reclassification decisions are fully informed of Treaty partner interests (**Attachment B**).

14. DOC recommends you review the Agreement and, if comfortable with the proposed approach, sign the document without delay. This Agreement has been drafted to the satisfaction of both parties and focuses only on aspects considered necessary to facilitate the participation of Ngāi Tahu in the remainder of this process. It will enable Ngāi Tahu to undertake the steps set out in the schedule and for DOC to remunerate this work.
15. A Deed of Grant sits alongside the Agreement, and also requires your consideration (**Attachment C**). This provides the formal mechanism for DOC to remunerate Ngāi Tahu.

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#### **DOC has prepared a summary of submissions report to support decisions**

16. The Conservation Act 1987 directs that your reclassification decisions be informed by a summary of submissions report prepared under section 49(2)(d).
17. Each proposal must be considered as a stand-alone decision. 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]  
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18. 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]  
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19. The final statutory decision-making step is for you to “*consider the recommendation, and the contents of the summary, before deciding whether or not to proceed with the proposal*” (s.49(2)(e)).

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#### **DOC recommends further engagement before decisions are made**

20. You have statutory obligations under the Conservation Act 1987 to consider input from Treaty partners, the NZCA (at their discretion), and Conservation Boards. This will ensure your final reclassification decisions give effect to sections 4, 6B and 6M of the Conservation Act. The reclassification of stewardship land is also of interest to other arms of government.
21. We will supply you with the input from relevant parties, as outlined below, prior to the proposed hui with the Ngāi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere and subsequent Ministerial consultation.

#### ***The Western South Island region is within the Ngāi Tahu takiwā***


22. Reclassification work in the Western South Island has been undertaken according to a 2021 Agreement between the Crown and Ngāi Tahu. This expired in October 2023. The new Agreement (Attachment B) upholds key process commitments regarding Ngāi Tahu engagement.
23. This includes a provision for the Kaiwhakahaere and mana whenua to be given a reasonable opportunity to meet with you to provide separate views and/or recommendations before any final decisions are made.
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## ***NZCA & Conservation Boards have statutory roles to advise on land reclassification***

29. It is a function of the NZCA to advise the Minister on “*conservation matters the Authority considers are of national importance*” (s.6B(1)(d)). We will seek clarity from the NZCA whether it seeks to contribute further advice. If so, we will ensure this is made available for your consideration.
30. A function of Conservation Boards is to advise the NZCA or the Director General “*on any proposed change of status or classification of any area of national or international importance*” (s.6M(d)(i)). The Stewardship Land Reclassification Project falls within this ambit.

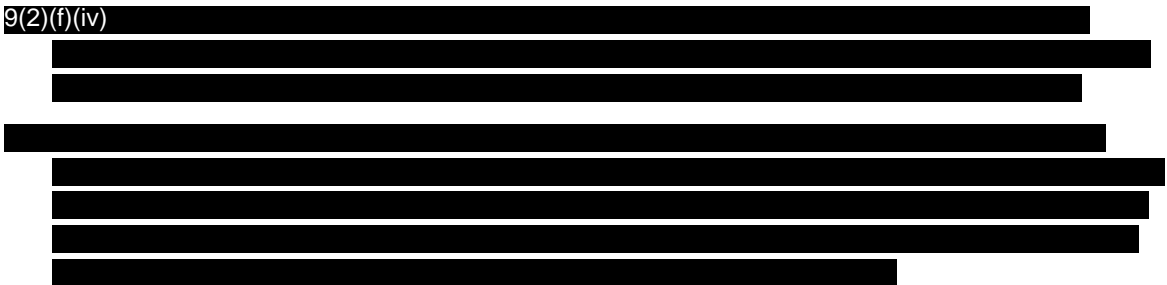
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## ***DOC advice will support your final decisions***

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## Following decisions, implementation follows varied pathways and timelines

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38. Once DOC receives your reclassification decisions, some classifications can be implemented directly via Gazette notice. 9(2)(f)(iv)

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40. Some Western South Island stewardship land will remain held in stewardship. This may arise from decisions to not implement notified classifications, land notified to remain held in stewardship, and land that was not included in the original public notice due to Treaty partner interests. Changing the status of this land would require the instigation of a new reclassification process.

## Risk assessment – Aronga tūraru

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41. Stewardship land reclassification is of significant interest to iwi, environmental NGOs, commercial interests, local councils and communities. A significant number of submissions were received through the public process. 9(2)(g)(i)

. Subject to successful engagement with Treaty partners, DOC is confident that the proposed timeline sets out a process to reach reclassification decisions.

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## Treaty principles (section 4) – Ngā mātaḥono Tiriti (section 4)

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44. Section 4 directs that the Act shall so be interpreted and administered as to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. This obligation applies to the process of reclassifying stewardship land.

45. Partnership involves engaging with affected iwi in the reclassification of stewardship land in good faith, fairly and reasonably, and honouring any previous commitments.

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46. Informed decision making requires that you have sufficient information to fully understand the relevant interests of all Treaty partners and any implications of classification decisions on those interests. DOC will ensure you are aware of all identified Treaty interests when making your final decisions, 9(2)(j)

### Consultation – Kōrero whakawhiti

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47. We have consulted with Ngāi Tahu in the drafting of the new Agreement, which has included discussions around the proposed timeline. 9(2)(f)(iv)

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49. We will keep key stakeholders and NGOs informed of your intention to begin making final decisions in the next six months.

50. We maintain regular cross-agency engagement with the Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment and the Ministry for Primary Industries. These agencies are aware that you intend to make decisions on proposed classifications for Western South Island stewardship land, 9(2)(f)(iv)

### Financial implications – Te hīraunga pūtea

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51. Delivering the operational work to prepare for decision-making is being financed out of DOC baseline funding.

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54. Costs associated with implementation will vary pending your final decisions, and the scale of survey required. 70 stewardship areas were notified with more than one intention (e.g. disposal/scenic reserve), which will require some level of survey if approved. 9(2)(j)

### Next steps – Ngā tāwhaitanga

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55. If you approve the proposed timeline (Attachment A) we will work with your office to schedule the proposed engagements. This includes a proposed meeting on stewardship land reclassification with DOC officials, 9(2)(f)(iv)

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## **Agreement - Stewardship Land Reclassification**

### **Western South Island, Te Tai Poutini**

This Agreement is dated December 2024

#### **PARTIES**

1. **Minister of Conservation (“Minister”).**
2. **Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (“Ngāi Tahu”).**

#### **PURPOSE**

- A. To complete the Minister of Conservation’s decision-making process in respect of reclassification of Western South Island/Te Tai Poutini Stewardship Land, and support Treaty partner engagement between the Minister (through the Department of Conservation / **the Department**) and Ngāi Tahu (together **the Parties**) to enable the Minister to make fully informed decisions, consistent with s.4 of the Conservation Act 1987 (**the Act**), regarding the reclassification of Western South Island/Te Tai Poutini Stewardship Land.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- B. Stewardship land is public conservation land that is managed so that its natural and historic resources are protected (s.25). A significant portion of current stewardship land came by transfer of land from other Crown agencies when the Department was established in 1987 and has not yet had its natural and historic resources assessed, and appropriate land classifications determined.
- C. Reclassifying stewardship land - once its conservation values, including historic (which includes cultural values), landscape and recreational values have been assessed - ensures it can be managed appropriately. Land identified as having very low or no conservation value can be considered for disposal.
- D. The Stewardship Land Reclassification Project (“**the reclassification project**”) was established to improve the efficiency of stewardship land reclassification. This included the appointment of two National Panels, under s.56 of the Act, as advisory committees of independent technical experts. Their purpose was to assess stewardship land within subject regions and make reclassification recommendations to the Minister.
- E. The Minister is the final decision maker for stewardship land reclassification.

Classification decisions must be made in a manner consistent with any relevant legislative obligations, including the requirement under s.4 of the Act for that Act to be so interpreted and administered as to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

- F. In October 2021, following discussions between the Parties, a legally binding agreement (“**the Agreement**” (Appendix 1)) was signed between (then) Minister Allan and (then) Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere Lisa Tumahai (“**the Kaiwhakahaere**”) that contained commitments from the Minister and the Kaiwhakahaere. Based on the commitments in the Agreement, Ngāi Tahu agreed to discontinue judicial review proceedings related to the reclassification project. The Agreement established a Mana Whenua Panel to gather information regarding the stewardship land under assessment, including information about Ngāi Tahu values and interests. This information was provided to the National Panels to enable them to carry out their respective roles. The Agreement also set out process protections to ensure Ngāi Tahu (through the Kaiwhakahaere and the Mana Whenua Panel) had the ability to participate in the stewardship land review process. This included steps for the Kaiwhakahaere and Mana Whenua Panel to provide separate views and / or recommendations directly to the Minister, and a commitment that the Minister would consider those views in good faith and the Kaiwhakahaere would be given a reasonable opportunity to meet with the Minister before any final decisions are made.
- G. The first National Panel and Mana Whenua Panel worked together to develop reclassification recommendations for stewardship land in the Western South Island/ Te Tai Poutini. In May 2022, the Minister gave public notice under s.49 of the Act for 576 proposals to reclassify stewardship land. 9(2)(j)  
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- H. 9(2)(j)  
9(2)(j) Public submissions were received, and hearings held, concluding in September 2022.
- I. The Agreement expired in October 2023. In November 2023, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Chief Executive Officer and the Director-General of Conservation (the “**Director-General**”) exchanged letters agreeing to continue to work together in good faith and according to the terms of the Agreement, until direction was

provided by the newly elected Minister and Kaiwhakahaere.

- J. In June 2024, the newly elected Minister signed briefing 24-B-0015 and directed that the Western South Island reclassification process should be concluded without the further use of Panels. The Minister recognised that despite the use of Panels ceasing, continued engagement with Ngāi Tahu is essential to ensure consistency with s.4 obligations. This approach was informally discussed and agreed to by the Minister and Kaiwhakahaere as well as senior Ngāi Tahu and Department officials prior to the Minister making his direction.

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- M. The Minister also has statutory obligations under the Act to be informed of and consider input from Treaty partners (s.4) and relevant Conservation Boards (s.6M) in final decisions. Relevantly for this Agreement:
- i. The Western South Island region is within the Takiwā of Ngāi Tahu Whānui, as defined in s.5 of the Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996. The Parties acknowledge that s.6 of the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 includes, within the Crown apology, a statement recording that the Crown recognises Ngāi Tahu as the tāngata whenua of, and as holding rangatiratanga within, the Takiwā of the Ngāi Tahu Whānui”.
  - ii. The Western South Island region is within the rohe of both the West Coast Tai Poutini and Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Boards. The Parties acknowledge that it is a function of these Conservation Boards to advise the Conservation Authority and the Director-General on proposed changes of land status or classification (s.6M(1)(d)). It is also a function of the Conservation Authority to advise the Minister on conservation matters the Authority considers are of national importance (s.6B(1)(d)).

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- N. The Parties intend for this Agreement to:
- i. Reflect the Parties’ desire to work together in a manner consistent with s.4

of the Act and reflective of the Crown Apology in the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 which includes the statement that the Crown seeks to enter a 'new age of cooperation' with Ngāi Tahu;

- ii. Recognise the rangatiratanga and mana of Ngāi Tahu;
  - iii. Recognise the statutory role of the Minister as decision-maker; and
  - iv. Promote cooperation, collaboration, effective communication, and reciprocal facilitation between the Parties.
  - v. Contribute to concluding the Western South Island reclassification process.
- O. To enable the efficient and effective delivery of the reclassification project, consistent with s.4 of the Act, the Parties intend to:
- i. Act in good faith and demonstrate honesty, integrity, and accountability in their dealings with one another;
  - ii. Work in a collegial and open manner and adopt a "no surprises" approach;
  - iii. Provide appropriate time and information for meaningful participation in the reclassification project and endeavour to provide the information, and meet the timeframes, as set out in the Schedule; and
  - iv. Communicate openly and constructively in their dealings with one another.
- P. The schedule to this Agreement sets out the key steps and process by which the Department and Ngāi Tahu will work together to ensure the Minister's reclassification decisions for Western South Island stewardship land are fully informed of Ngāi Tahu values and interests, and to ensure the process started with public notification in 2022 is brought to a close.

## SCHEDULE

### KEY STEPS

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### 3. Provision of advice to the Minister

- 3.1 The Department will prepare a package of advice for the Minister which will include a Departmental briefing providing our final advice to the Minister to support him to make final decisions on land classifications for stewardship land in the Western South Island. Appended to this briefing will be:

3.1.1 The s.49 report.

3.1.2 Input from relevant Treaty partners to ensure that the Minister is informed of all Treaty partners' values and interests (s.4).

3.1.3 Input from relevant Conservation Boards (6M(d)).

3.1.4 Input from the New Zealand Conservation Authority, should it elect to contribute advice if it considers the matter is of national importance (s.6B(d)).

#### **4. Minister and Kaiwhakahaere hui to discuss the reclassification proposals**

4.1 Once the Minister has been provided with the package of advice detailed in clause 3.1, the Kaiwhakahaere and mana whenua will be given a reasonable opportunity to meet with the Minister to provide separate views and/or recommendations before any final decisions are made.

#### **5. Ministerial decision**

5.1 **9(2)(f)(iv)**

5.2 The Minister will then seek to make final reclassification decisions as per s.49(2)(e), "the Minister shall consider the recommendation and the contents of the summary before deciding whether or not to proceed with the proposal". The Minister will consider all views and input in good faith and give effect to Treaty principles in making reclassification decisions.

#### **6. Financial Remuneration**

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#### **7. Obligations**

7.1 **9(2)(j)**  
7.2 **9(2)(j)**

#### **8. Intellectual Property**

8.1 The Parties-agree that:

8.1.1 Any existing intellectual property rights held by the Parties or the Department remain the property of the relevant Party or the Department.

8.1.2 Any new intellectual property rights arising from the contributions of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu or representatives of Papatipu Rūnanga of Ngāi Tahu are the property of those parties. Neither the Minister nor the Department will make any claim to the ownership of these intellectual property rights. However, the Parties acknowledge that the Department must comply with its obligations under the Official Information Act 1982.

## **9. Confidentiality**

9.1 Regarding this Agreement and the reclassification project, the Parties agree that "Confidential Information" means any proprietary scientific, technical and/or business information disclosed during the relationship between the Parties.

9.2 Except as required by law, the Parties agree that:

9.2.1 They will not disclose any Confidential Information to any third party (other than the Parties' professional representatives or advisers) without the prior written consent of the other Party; and

9.2.2 Each Party must use all reasonable endeavours to prevent accidental publication or disclosure of any Confidential Information.

9.3 Clause 9 does not prevent:

9.3.1 The disclosure of Confidential Information by Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu to recognised Papatipu Rūnanga of Ngāi Tahu; or

9.3.2 The Minister or Director-General from publicly sharing any Confidential Information when it is appropriate and reasonable, including where the Minister or Director-General may be required to explain the reasons for a decision regarding the reclassification project, or any reclassification or disposal of stewardship land in the Western South Island.

9.4 For the avoidance of doubt, clauses 7.1 to 7.3 survive any termination of this Agreement.

## **10. Term and Effect of Agreement**

10.1 The Parties record that this Agreement is a legally binding instrument.

10.2 The start date of this Agreement will be on and from the date on which the last Party

to this Agreement signs it ("**Start Date**").

10.3 The term of this Agreement will be five (5) calendar months from the Start Date ("**Term**").

10.4 The Parties agree to meet to consider the continuation or termination of this Agreement prior to two (2) calendar months before the end of the Term.

10.5 If the Parties jointly agree to terminate this Agreement prior to the expiry of the Term, it will end on and from the date specified by the Parties. If only one Party wants to terminate this Agreement, the Parties will discuss early termination in accordance with the dispute provisions in clause 12.

## **11. Disputes**

11.1 The Parties acknowledge that disputes in relation to this Agreement may occur from time to time. The Parties agree that they will use their best endeavours to resolve any such dispute by such means of informal dispute resolution as the Parties may agree (such as good faith negotiation, mediation, or independent expert appraisal).

11.2 To avoid doubt, nothing in this Agreement prevents Ngāi Tahu or any Papatipu Rūnanga from commencing court proceedings in relation to the reclassification project.

## **12. Contact Details**

12.1 The key contact details for the Department are:

Ewan Delany

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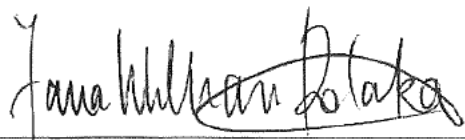
12.2 The key contact details for TRONT are:

Veronica Baldwin

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This Agreement is signed by the following:



Hon. Tama Potaka  
Minister of Conservation

Date: 16/12/2024

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Justin Tipa  
Kaiwhakahaere  
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

Date: 18/12/24

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Witness signature

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Occupation: Civil Servant

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Date: 16/12/24

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Witness signature

Name: Hugh Munro

Occupation: Strategy Advisor

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Date: 18/12/2024

Deed of Grant – Western South Island Stewardship Land Reclassification

## Reclassification of Stewardship Land in the Western South Island DEED OF GRANT

This Deed of Grant is dated December 2024

### PARTIES

1. Minister of Conservation (“Minister”)
2. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (“Ngāi Tahu”)

### BACKGROUND

A. The background to this Deed of Grant is as set out in the corresponding agreement ‘Stewardship Land Reclassification Western South Island, Te Tai Poutini’ (“**the Agreement**”) between the Minister (through the Department of Conservation / **the Department**) and Ngāi Tahu (together “**the Parties**”).

#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Deed of Grant is to confirm the Department’s provision of financial accommodation to support Ngāi Tahu’s commitment to deliver the associated work set out in the Agreement, specifically clauses 1, 2 and 4 of the Schedule.

#### 2. Financial support

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- 2.2. 9(2)(j) [REDACTED]  
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- 2.3. 9(2)(j) [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]
- 2.4. Ngāi Tahu will submit an invoice to the Department for each instalment. Each invoice must include a valid purchase order number and must be emailed to [docinvoices@doc.govt.nz](mailto:docinvoices@doc.govt.nz).
- 2.5. The Director-General of Conservation will pay the instalment in full by the 20th of the month following the date of the invoice.

#### 3. Term and effect of Agreement

- 3.1. This Deed of Grant will take effect on and from the date on which the last Party to this

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Deed of Grant signs it ("Start Date").

- 3.2. The Parties confirm all parts of this Deed of Grant is an operative and binding part of the attached Agreement.
- 3.3. The term of this Deed of Grant will be (5) months from the Start Date ("Term").
- 3.4. The Parties can mutually agree in writing to terminate the Deed of Grant at any time. If the Parties agree to terminate this Deed of Grant, it will end on and from the date specified by the Parties.

4. Contact details

- 4.1. The key contact details for the Department are:

Ewan Delany

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- 4.2. The key contact details for Ngāi Tahu are:

Veronica Baldwin

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This Deed of Grant is signed by the following:



Hon. Tama Potaka  
Minister of Conservation

Date: 16/12/2024

9(2)(a)

Witness signature

Name: Peter Galvin

Occupation: Civil servant

Address: 9(2)(a)

Date: 16/12/24

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Justin Tipa  
Kaiwhakahaere  
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