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Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email dated 10 June 2025 regarding s 9(2)(b)(ii)

The emerging Voluntary Nature Credit Market (VNCM) represents opportunities for conservation in New Zealand, including for public conservation land (PCL). I see value in enabling Nature Credit activities on PCL and am committed to supporting initiatives that deliver conservation outcomes.

Conservation legislation sets out authorising requirements for any activity on public conservation land. s 9(2)(b)(ii)

The department will work with you to ensure a timely process occurs, understanding the importance this opportunity has for conservation, local iwi and communities.

I have directed my officials to explore options to better enable and facilitate VNCM activities on PCL. The Regional Director for Eastern North Island, Jade King-hazel (iking-hazel@doc.govt.nz), is your key contact and will work with you over the pilot period.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

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