Department of Conservation
*Te Papa Atawhai*

# Memo: Access charging deep dive

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| **Subject** | **Access charging deep dive** | | |
| **Attachments** | Attachment A – Deep dive slides | | |

## Purpose – Te aronga

1. To provide you with a slide pack on access charging to **support our deep dive session with you** on Wednesday 2 April.

## We need your initial direction on key policy choices for access charging to support drafting of your Cabinet paper

2. We recently concluded public consultation on access charging and proposals to modernise conservation legislation on 28 February 2025. We received 7,473 submissions on access charging.
3. We are now analysing these submissions and developing policy recommendations for your consideration, ahead of you taking a paper to Cabinet in May 2025.
4. The purpose of this deep dive is to highlight what we've heard through consultation and discuss some of the **key policy choices** facing you and Cabinet in relation to this proposal, including:
   - **where to charge**
   - **who to charge;** and
   - **how we set the rates for access charges.**
5. We have attached a set of slides (**Attachment A**) to support this session.

## Next steps – Ngā tāwhaitanga

6. Following the deep dive, we will provide you with more detailed advice on the key policy choices for the proposal, ahead of you going to Cabinet in May 2025 (see slide 18 of Attachment A for proposed schedule of briefings).

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## Attachment A: Deep dive slides

These deep dive slides have already been publicly released and are available at the following link:

Cabinet Material - Exploring access charging on some conservation land

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