

Meeting Memo – Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu – Stewardship Land Reclassification

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Meeting date/time	12/6/2025, 4pm
Meeting location	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu office, Show Place, Christchurch
Attachments	<p>Attachment A - Categorisation of national park decisions.</p> <p>Attachment B - Categorisation of decisions where Ngāi Tahu disagree with DOC recommendations.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Attachment D - Talking Points - Stewardship Land Reclassification.</p> <p>9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]</p>

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Purpose of Meeting

- To discuss your intended decisions on the reclassification of stewardship land in the Western South Island, Te Tai Poutini, with the Kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Ngāi Tahu).
- There are several live topics which the Kaiwhakahaere may wish to discuss. 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] We can provide further updates on additional topics as required.

Stewardship Land Reclassification

- The reclassification of stewardship land in the Western South Island, Te Tai Poutini, is in its final stages [25-B-0146 refers]. Your role is to decide whether to approve, or decline, each of the 576 reclassification proposals that were notified.
- A National Panel and Ngāi Tahu Mana Whenua Panel made reclassification recommendations for ~644,000ha of stewardship land in the region, roughly 24% of all


NZ stewardship land. The National Panel recommendations were adopted and notified as your proposals.

5. We have produced a summary of submission report, which includes DOC recommendations whether to proceed or not with each proposal. Of the 576 proposals, we have recommended to proceed with 480 proposals (525,996ha), not proceed with 93 proposals (118,018ha) and proceed in part with three proposals (3.6ha).
6. Ngāi Tahu agree with 466 DOC recommendations (81%) and oppose 108 (19%).
7. If you were to only approve proposals where DOC has recommended to proceed, and Ngāi Tahu agree, 375 proposals (65%) covering 426,911ha (66%) would be implemented. The remaining ~217,100ha (34%) would remain held in stewardship, in addition to the ~175,000ha already withheld from public notification due to its significance to Ngāi Tahu.
8. We have provided you with advice regarding the scope of relevant considerations for your decisions [25-B-0224 refers], and the prioritisation of decisions for national park proposals and areas where Ngāi Tahu oppose DOC recommendations [25-B-0233 refers]. This advice has informed engagement between your office and the Ngāi Tahu Technical Team in advance of this meeting with the Kaiwhakahaere.

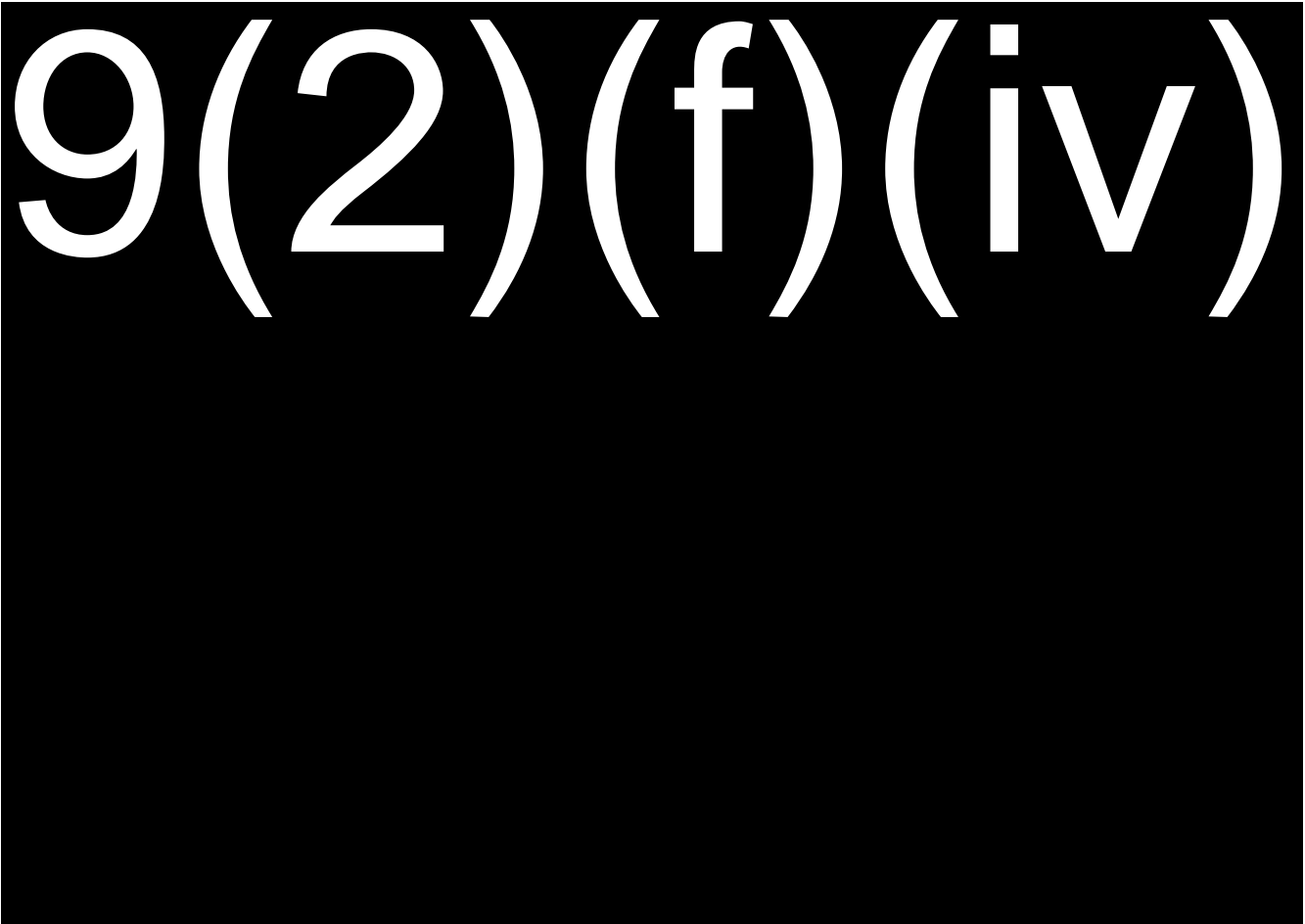
We have engaged with Ngāi Tahu to understand its position on the notified proposals

9. Ngāi Tahu final input on the reclassification proposals was included as Attachment D to Briefing 25-B-0146. Areas where Ngāi Tahu disagree with the DOC recommendations are summarised below. We have undertaken further categorisation of these proposals, initially through memo 25-B-0233 and subsequently following further discussions with the Ngāi Tahu Technical Team.
10. National Parks (Attachment A) - Areas were proposed to be referred to the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) to investigate the suitability of national park additions. Ngāi Tahu holds a tribal position opposing any additions to national parks within the Ngāi Tahu takiwā. Concerns regarding the limitations of national park classification were also shared by Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Ngāti Rārua. This relates to 49 proposals (77,101ha).
 - DOC has recommended to proceed with 48 of these proposals. We consider that these areas hold natural/historic resources that warrant consideration by the NZCA. This process allows for the NZCA to further explore specific Ngāi Tahu interests and aspirations, including investigating the likely socio-economic implications of the proposals to determine what giving effect to Treaty principles may require.
 - Further categorisation has identified seven sites where the Crown may be particularly motivated to pursue national park status (Attachment A). This includes iconic sites which are of heightened public interest (associated with Cave Creek and Pike River disasters), and five areas which have previously been recommended for addition in a National Park Management Plan.
11. Ngāi Tahu specific interests (Attachment B) – Reclassification proposals (conservation parks and scenic/historic reserves) were notified for areas that contain pounamu resources, or are adjacent to Ngāi Tahu forestry. Ngāi Tahu has advocated to retain these areas in stewardship to enable further assessment of the values and opportunities of the whenua for Ngāi Tahu. This relates to 20 proposals.
 - DOC has recommended to proceed with these proposals. We consider that the notified proposals appropriately reflect the natural/historic resources present. They allow for particular activities related to the identified Treaty interests to be considered, for example through the granting of concessions and/or the collection of cultural materials, and other activities that do not require specific permissions.

- In memo 25-B-0233, we advised that given the specific nature of the interests identified, there may be a higher risk of Ngāi Tahu challenge if you follow our recommendations in these instances.
12. Other Matters (Attachment B) - Reclassification proposals where Ngāi Tahu has stated general opposition, or raised matters which are not tethered to a specific Treaty interest. The matters raised include Fast-track applications, local infrastructure, climate mitigation planning or future opportunities for DOC and the West Coast community. Ngāi Tahu has advocated for these areas to be held in stewardship until the identified matter is resolved. This relates to 40 proposals.
- DOC has recommended to proceed with these proposals. None of the classification proposals for these areas fall under Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act, where for example, most fast-track applications would be ineligible. Consideration of the matters raised by Ngāi Tahu would not be precluded by the notified proposals.
 - In memo 25-B-0233 we advised placing a higher priority on adhering to DOC advice regarding these proposals due to a perceived lower risk of Ngāi Tahu challenge to decisions. Further categorisation has divided these proposals into additional bundles:
 - i. Four instances where DOC has recommended you do not proceed with the notified proposal (two conservation park and two disposal proposals). Ngāi Tahu consider that the notified proposal is appropriate, and that you should proceed as notified.
 - ii. Six areas proposed to be classified as Government Purpose reserve, where DOC is actively using the buildings to support its conservation work and where it is difficult to purchase new sites. Ngāi Tahu consider that the notified proposals are inappropriate, and that the areas should be retained in stewardship to support future opportunities for the Crown.
 - iii. Fifteen areas, proposed for a mixture of conservation park, local purpose reserve and scenic reserve. Ngāi Tahu consider that the notified proposals are inappropriate, and that the areas should be retained in stewardship to support future opportunities for the West Coast region, with specific opportunities detailed.
 - iv. Fifteen areas, proposed for a mixture of conservation park and scenic reserve. Ngāi Tahu consider that the notified proposals are inappropriate, and do not reflect the values present.
13. We consider that our recommendations to proceed with these proposals have given proper consideration to the section 4 directive, while also being consistent with the overarching conservation purpose of the Act. As Minister, it may be that after considering all relevant matters, you decide to give greater weight to certain matters than DOC, including the views of iwi. This will inform your view on the adequacy or suitability of notified proposals.
14. We suggest you use these categorisations (Attachments A & B) as the basis for discussing your decisions with Ngāi Tahu, particularly where there is not alignment between the notified proposal, DOC's advice and the feedback from iwi. Your talking points reflect this categorisation and are framed as your "intended" decision given you will need to make a final decision following engagement with your Ministerial colleagues.



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MEMO ENDS

Attachment A: Categorisation of national park decisions DOC has recommended proceed

Proposals of heightened public interest

Place	Assessment Area	Napalis ID	Area (Ha)	Stewardship Area	Notified Proposal	Identified for addition in National Park Management Plan	Relatively large area, preferably thousands of hectares GPNP 6 (b)	Buffers wilderness area GPNP 6(n)	Comment
Paparoa	PAP_10	2808377	420.0018	Bullock Creek Farm	National Park (Paparoa)	Yes*			Site of Cave Creek disaster
Mawhera	MAW_02	3446390	70.22	Pike Stream	National Park (Paparoa)				Supported by Pike River Families Group Committte
Mawhera	MAW_02	2806569	0.29	Big River	National Park (Paparoa)				Supported by Pike River Families Group Committte

Subtotal: 490.5118

Proposals where the land is identified for addition in a National Park Management Plan (includes Bullock Creek Farm above*)

Place	Assessment Area	Napalis ID	Area (Ha)	Stewardship Area	Notified Proposal	Identified for addition in National Park Management Plan	Relatively large area, preferably thousands of hectares GPNP 6 (b)	Buffers wilderness area GPNP 6(n)
Paparoa	PAP_06	2808367	3601.855	Charleston	National Park (Paparoa)	Yes	Yes	
Paparoa	PAP_06	2808366	187.6968	Nile River	National Park (Paparoa)	Yes		
Te Wāhi Pounamu	TWP_28	2805312	111.9249	Waiho Flat	National Park (Tai Poutini)	Yes		
Te Wāhi Pounamu	TWP_28	2805310	17.8504	Docherty Creek	National Park (Tai Poutini)	Yes		

Subtotal: 3919.3271

All other proposals

Place	Assessment Area	Napalis ID	Area (Ha)	Stewardship Area	Notified Proposal	Identified for addition in National Park Management Plan	Relatively large area, preferably thousands of hectares GPNP 6 (b)	Buffers wilderness area GPNP 6(n)
Paparoa	PAP_18	2806778	16047.66	Paparoa Range South	National Park (Paparoa)		Yes	
Karamea	KAR_19	2807731	15836.56	Lyell Range - Radiant Range (North)	National Park (Kahurangi)		Yes	
Paparoa	PAP_02	2808295	11407.28	Northern Paparoa Range	National Park (Paparoa)		Yes	Yes
Inangahua	INA_23	2806938	7625.28	Mai Mai - Te Wharau (South)	National Park (Paparoa)		Yes	Yes
Kawatiri	KAW_19	2807731	7704.83	Lyell Range - Radiant Range (South)	National Park (Kahurangi)		Yes	
Kawatiri	KAW_19	2807808	6459.9	Newton River	National Park (Kahurangi)		Yes	
Paparoa	PAP_02	2808369	5469.204	Little Tōtara River	National Park (Paparoa)		Yes	
Inangahua	INA_23	2806882	751.8832	Otututu Valley	National Park (Paparoa)			Yes
Kawatiri	KAW_06	2807731	283.85	Lyell Range - Radiant Range (Central)	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Paparoa	PAP_07	2808371	257.8086	Four Mile River	National Park (Paparoa)			
Te Wāhi Pounamu	TWP_26	2805305	137.0463	Waiho River	National Park (Tai Poutini)			
Inangahua	INA_04	2807826	103.0077	Lower Buller Gorge Road	National Park (Paparoa)			
Paparoa	PAP_14	2806886	83.9703	Punakaiki River (Inland)	National Park (Paparoa)			
Paparoa	PAP_06	2808292	75.7825	Basin Road	National Park (Paparoa)			
Karamea	KAR_19	2807736	61.94	Tidal Creek	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Inangahua	INA_04	2807842	41.5478	White Cliffs	National Park (Paparoa)			
Paparoa	PAP_18	2806570	38.106	Barrytown - S.H.6	National Park (Paparoa)			
Paparoa	PAP_14	2806891	35.1971	Punakaiki - Coast Road (South)	National Park (Paparoa)			
Karamea	KAR_16	2807711	30.75	Scobie Clearing	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Karamea	KAR_10	2807709	0	Kelly Creek (Pasture)	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Karamea	KAR_10	2807709	30.49	Kelly Creek (Remaining)	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Te Wāhi Pounamu	TWP_17	2805646	27.5614	Saltwater Forest	National Park (Tai Poutini)			
Paparoa	PAP_08	2808374	25.6078	Woodpecker Bay	National Park (Paparoa)			
Mawhera	MAW_03	2806785	23.44	Big River	National Park (Paparoa)			
Karamea	KAR_17	2807723	23.27	Little Wanganui River (South)	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Karamea	KAR_01	2807687	20.05	Mossy Burn	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Paparoa	PAP_07	2808373	18.2609	Red Jacket Creek	National Park (Paparoa)			
Karamea	KAR_17	2807700	13.97	Little Wanganui River (North)	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Paparoa	PAP_02	2806955	12.9924	Ananui Creek	National Park (Paparoa)			
Paparoa	PAP_07	2808372	7.417	Red Jacket Creek	National Park (Paparoa)			
Karamea	KAR_13	2807713	0	Jordan Creek (Pasture)	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Karamea	KAR_13	2807713	6.65	Jordan Creek (Remaining)	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Paparoa	PAP_18	2806783	6.1526	Barrytown	National Park (Paparoa)			
Paparoa	PAP_18	2809052	4.9655	Seventeen Mile Bluff	National Park (Paparoa)			
Karamea	KAR_13	2807697	4.74	Arapito	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Karamea	KAR_03	2807684	4.53	Ōpārara	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Paparoa	PAP_09	2808375	2.7237	Fox River	National Park (Paparoa)			
Paparoa	PAP_07	2806939	2.675	White Horse Creek	National Park (Paparoa)			
Karamea	KAR_14	2807724	1.71	Kongahu Swamp Road	National Park (Kahurangi)			
Hokitika	HOK_25	2806321	0.34	Ōtira River	National Park (Arthurs Pass)			
Paparoa	PAP_18	2806784	0.1947	Baker Creek	National Park (Paparoa)			

Subtotal: 72689.3445

Attachment B: Categorisation of decisions where Ngāi Tahu disagree with the DOC section 49 recommendations

Proposals where Ngāi Tahu disagree with the notified intention and have identified specific interests

Place	Assessment Area	Napalis ID	Area (Ha)	Stewardship Area	Notified Proposal	MWP Notified Position	DOC s49 Rec	Ngāi Tahu Position on DOC Rec	Ngāi Tahu Final Position
Hokitika	HOK_05	2809334	3.8	Kumara Straight	Conservation Park (Kohimara)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Hokitika	HOK_10	2809285	1206.8	Big Dam Hill	Conservation Park (Waimea)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Hokitika	HOK_12	2809283	55.7	Duffers Creek	Conservation Park (Ōkūku)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Hokitika	HOK_12	2809288	500.9	Lake Mudgie	Conservation Park (Ōkūku)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Hokitika	HOK_18	2805688	168.6	Blue Spur Road	Conservation Park (Houhou)	Support	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Hokitika	HOK_05	2809275	583.5	Dillmanstown	Conservation Park (Kohimara)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree & Neutral	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required. This does not apply to parcels immediately adjacent to the State Highway where Ngai Tahu are neutral.
Hokitika	HOK_06	2806209	289.0	German Gully	Conservation Park (Waimea)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to pounamu, forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Hokitika	HOK_05	2809266	216.4	Kumara Straight	Conservation Park (Kohimara)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests related to forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Hokitika	HOK_04	2809278	181.6	Chesterfield	Conservation Park (Kapitia)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests related to pounamu, forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Hokitika	HOK_04	2809265	873.6	Kapitea Creek	Conservation Park (Kapitia)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests related to pounamu, forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Mawhera	MAW_54	2805814	37.0	Greenstone River/Hokonui	Ōhonu Historic Reserve	Support	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu has pounamu interests in this area. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Mawhera	MAW_54	2809291	207.1	Greenstone River/Hokonui	Ōhonu Historic Reserve	Support	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu has pounamu interests in this area. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Mawhera	MAW_55	2809290	200.5	Paynes Gully Road	Ōhonu Historic Reserve	Support	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu has pounamu interests in this area. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Mawhera	MAW_56	2809294	38.5	Cape Terrace	Ōhonu Historic Reserve	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu has pounamu interests in this area. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Mawhera	MAW_34	2806525	61.7	Bell Hill Farm	Conservation Park (Māwhera)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Mawhera	MAW_34	2806986	1673.2	Ongionui Creek	Conservation Park (Māwhera)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Mawhera	MAW_36	2806987	87.2	Māori Gully Creek	Scenic Reserve (b)	Support	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Mawhera	MAW_43	2806207	195.1	Fireball Creek	Conservation Park (Taramakau)	Support	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to pounamu, forestry, climate change mitigation, and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.
Mawhera	MAW_37	2806530	173.4	Bell Hill	Wildlife Management Area	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree in part	Retain parcel adjacent to Haupiri Road as stewardship land.Ngāi Tahu interests relate to forestry, climate change mitigation and/or afforestation opportunities. Agree with remaining parcels.
Te Wāhi Pounamu	TWP_04	2809717	287.4	Duffers Creek	Scenic Reserve (a)	Support	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Ngai Tahu interests relate to forestry, climate change mitigation and/or afforestation opportunities. Further section 4 assessment of the values and opportunities of this whenua for Ngai Tahu is required.

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Proposals where Ngāi Tahu agree with the notified intention

Place	Assessment Area	Napalis ID	Area (Ha)	Stewardship Area	Notified Proposal	MWP Notified Position	DOC s49 Rec	Ngāi Tahu Position on DOC Rec	Ngāi Tahu Final Position
Hokitika	HOK_19	2805713	27976.0	Wanganui / Otira Catchments (South)	Conservation Park (Hokitika)	Neutral	Do Not Proceed	Disagree	Notified proposal appropriate
Kawatiri	KAW_05	2807750	1.3	Seddonville Tramline	Disposal	Neutral	Do Not Proceed	Disagree	Notified proposal appropriate
Kawatiri	KAW_43	2808255	2.2	Buller River Estuary	Disposal	Support	Do Not Proceed	Disagree	Notified proposal appropriate
Te Wāhi Pounamu	TWP_05	2809665	53834.7	Waitangi Forest (East)	Conservation Park (Te Taho)	Neutral	Do Not Proceed	Disagree	Notified proposal appropriate

Subtotal

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Proposals where Ngāi Tahu disagree with the notified intention but there are opportunities for the Crown

Place	Assessment Area	Napalis ID	Area (Ha)	Stewardship Area	Notified Proposal	MWP Notified Position	DOC s49 Rec	Ngāi Tahu Position on DOC Rec	Ngāi Tahu Final Position
Karamea	KAR_05	2807689	0.1	Karamea	GPR (Government Buildings)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship. Future opportunities for the Crown
Karamea	KAR_05	2807712	0.1	Karamea - Waverley Street	GPR (Government Buildings)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship. Future opportunities for the Crown
Paparoa	PAP_19	2806887	0.3	Punakaiki Field Centre	GPR (Government Buildings)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship. Future opportunities for the Crown
Te Wāhi Pounamu	TWP_27	2805315	2.2	Waiho Gorge (Buildings)	GPR (Government Buildings)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship. Future opportunities for the Crown
Te Wāhi Pounamu	TWP_33	2805321	0.1	Pekanga Drive	GPR (Government Buildings)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship. Future opportunities for the Crown
Te Wāhi Pounamu	TWP_33	2805322	0.1	Pekanga Drive	GPR (Government Buildings)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship. Future opportunities for the Crown

Subtotal

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Proposals where Ngāi Tahu disagree with the notified intention as the land is subject to other matters

Place	Assessment Area	Napalis ID	Area (Ha)	Stewardship Area	Notified Proposal	MWP Notified Position	DOC s49 Rec	Ngāi Tahu Position on DOC Rec	Ngāi Tahu Final Position
Inangahua	INA_15	2807891	4.3	Boatman Creek	Conservation Park (Victoria Forest Park)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship. Future opportunities for West Coast region relating to critical minerals
Inangahua	INA_15	2807892	52.4	Boatman Creek - Capleston	Conservation Park (Victoria Forest Park)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship. Future opportunities for West Coast region relating to critical minerals
Kawatiri	KAW_29	2808256	55.1	Pakihi Road	Local Purpose (Rifle Range) Reserve	Support	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to climate change mitigation.
Kawatiri	KAW_08	2807781	2.0	Stockton	Conservation Park (Waimangaroa)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to climate change mitigation. In the vicinity of land being considered for mine remediation by government agencies, therefore reclassification should not occur at this time. Not also in the vicinity of area included in listed projects under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024.
Kawatiri	KAW_09	2807757	15.8	Millerton Township	Conservation Park (Waimangaroa)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to climate change mitigation. In the vicinity of land being considered for mine remediation by government agencies, therefore reclassification should not occur at this time. Not also in the vicinity of area included in listed projects under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024.
Kawatiri	KAW_26	2808247	903.3	Ballarat (Central & Northern Land Unit)	Conservation Park (Whareatea)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to critical minerals.
Kawatiri	KAW_26	2808247	0.0	Ballarat (Southern Land Unit)	Conservation Park (Whareatea)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to critical minerals.
Kawatiri	KAW_08	2807745	57.3	Millerton	Conservation Park (Waimangaroa)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to critical minerals. In the vicinity of land being considered for mine remediation by government agencies, therefore reclassification should not occur at this time. Not also in the vicinity of area included in listed projects under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024.
Kawatiri	KAW_08	2807744	345.8	Stockton	Conservation Park (Waimangaroa)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to critical minerals. In the vicinity of land being considered for mine remediation by government agencies, therefore reclassification should not occur at this time. Not also in the vicinity of area included in listed projects under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024.
Kawatiri	KAW_10	2807805	3764.3	Waimangaroa - Granity	Conservation Park (Waimangaroa)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to critical minerals. In the vicinity of land being considered for mine remediation by government agencies, therefore reclassification should not occur at this time. Not also in the vicinity of area included in listed projects under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024.
Kawatiri	KAW_11	2807860	9.0	Isolated Hill	Conservation Park (Waimangaroa)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to critical minerals. In the vicinity of land being considered for mine remediation by government agencies, therefore reclassification should not occur at this time. Not also in the vicinity of area included in listed projects under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024.
Kawatiri	KAW_11	2807807	1206.1	Plover Stream	Conservation Park (Waimangaroa)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to critical minerals. In the vicinity of land being considered for mine remediation by government agencies, therefore reclassification should not occur at this time. Not also in the vicinity of area included in listed projects under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024.
Kawatiri	KAW_17	2808235	7539.2	Mount Rochfort	Conservation Park (Whareatea)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to critical minerals. In the vicinity of land being considered for mine remediation by government agencies, therefore reclassification should not occur at this time. Not also in the vicinity of area included in listed projects under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024.
Kawatiri	KAW_17	2807866	0.6	Old Denniston School Site	Conservation Park (Whareatea)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to critical minerals. In the vicinity of land being considered for mine remediation by government agencies, therefore reclassification should not occur at this time. Not also in the vicinity of area included in listed projects under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024.
Mawhera	MAW_27	2806809	898.0	Mcleans Creek	Scenic Reserve (a)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Retain as stewardship land. Future opportunities for the West Coast region relating to local government infrastructure.

Subtotal

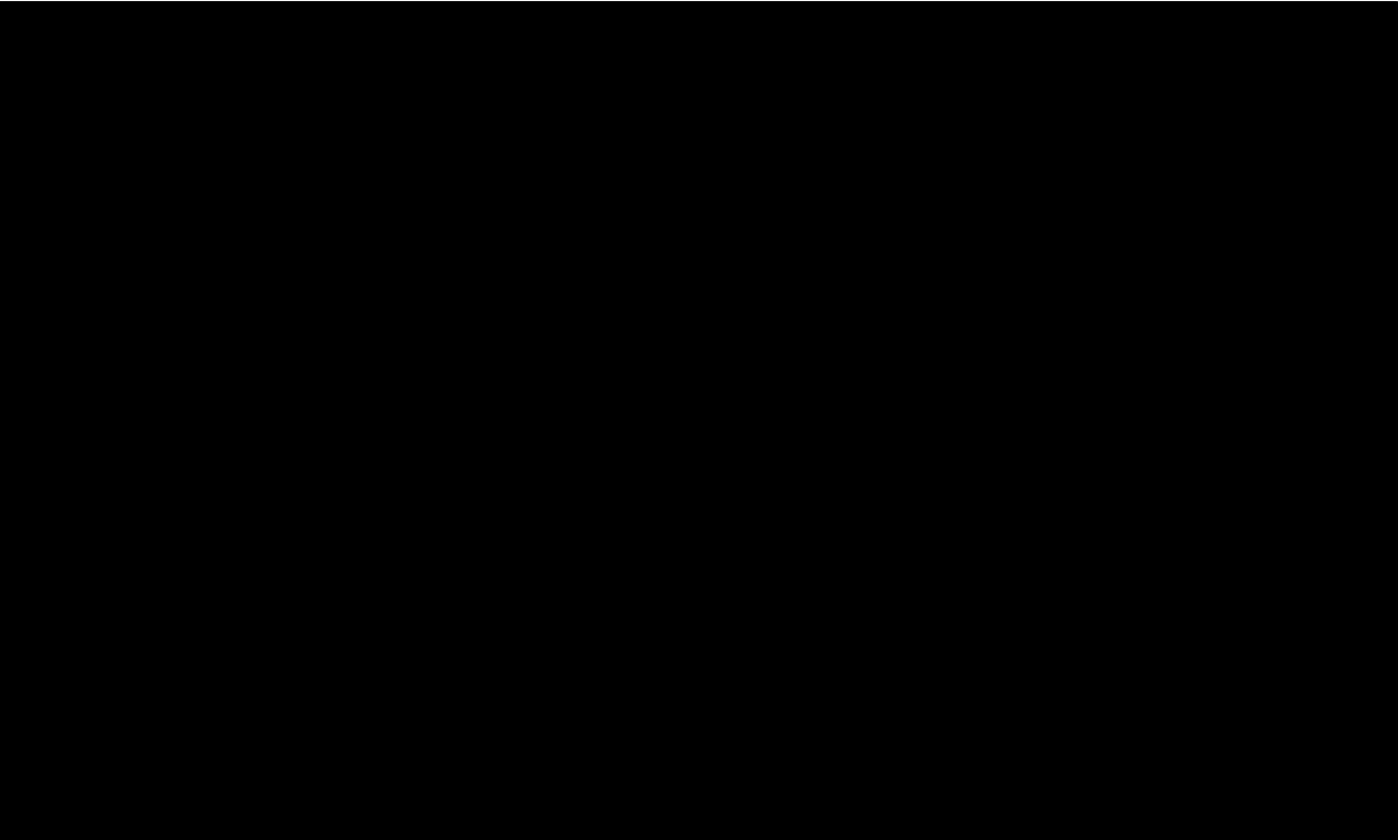
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Proposals where Ngāi Tahu disagree with the notified intention as appropriate for the identified values

Place	Assessment Area	Napalis ID	Area (Ha)	Stewardship Area	Notified Proposal	MWP Notified Position	DOC s49 Rec	Ngāi Tahu Position on DOC Rec	Ngāi Tahu Final Position
Hokitika	HOK_01	2809332	3.4	Greymouth - Kumara Tramway	Conservation park (Kohimara)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Hokitika	HOK_01	2809274	0.7	Kumara	Conservation park (Kohimara)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Hokitika	HOK_01	2809269	1.2	Kumara - Cashman Street	Conservation Park (Kohimara)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Hokitika	HOK_01	2809271	0.3	Kumara - Cashman Street	Conservation Park (Kohimara)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Hokitika	HOK_01	2809333	0.1	Kumara - Cashman Street	Conservation Park (Kohimara)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Hokitika	HOK_01	2809270	0.2	Kumara - Town Belt North	Conservation Park (Kohimara)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Hokitika	HOK_01	2809272	4.0	Kumara - Town Belt North	Conservation Park (Kohimara)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Hokitika	HOK_01	2809273	29.9	Kumara - Town Belt North	Conservation Park (Kohimara)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Hokitika	HOK_09	2809281	2.7	Stafford	Conservation Park (Waimea)	Oppose	Proceed In Part	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Hokitika	HOK_19	2805712	16.7	Kokatahi Riverbed	Conservation Park (Kokatahi Awa)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Kawatiri	KAW_37	2808297	0.2	Charleston - Cemetery Road	Scenic Reserve (a)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Kawatiri	KAW_37	2808287	0.4	Charleston Cemetery Road	Scenic Reserve (a)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Mawhera	MAW_33	2806805	10.6	Kangaroo Creek (Forested Area)	Conservation Park (Māwhera)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Mawhera	MAW_33	2806805	0.0	Kangaroo Creek (Pasture)	Conservation Park (Māwhera)	Oppose	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values
Mawhera	MAW_24	2806794	3.2	Paparoa Street - Roa	Scenic Reserve (b)	Neutral	Proceed	Disagree	Inappropriate classification for values

Subtotal

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Attachment D: Talking Points – Stewardship Land Reclassification

General talking points - Western South Island reclassification is well advanced

- As you are aware, I've been working my way through the 576 reclassification proposals using the DOC summary of submissions report that was reviewed by Ngāi Tahu kaimahi.
- I am keen to make decisions mid-2025, after informing my Cabinet colleagues.
- This hui follows through on my commitment under our 2024 stewardship land Agreement, that *"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"*.
- Ngāi Tahu and DOC have demonstrated a strong working relationship through this process, and it is worth highlighting how effectively the technical teams have worked together.
- The strength of the relationship is evident, with Ngāi Tahu agreeing with 81% of the DOC recommendations as presented in the summary of submissions report.
- Substantive outcomes for Ngāi Tahu can be seen in the DOC recommendations:
 - 10 DOC recommendations to retain land in stewardship due to the identified Treaty interests. This includes two DOC recommendations to overturn the notified proposal (at Lake Māhinapua and a Karamea historic pā site).
 - Three individual Ngāi Tahu historic reserves.
 - The 181,000ha Tarahanga e Toru Historic Reserve, made up of fourteen stewardship areas.
 - The ~175,000ha withheld from public notification due to its significance to Ngāi Tahu.
- There are however some areas of non-alignment between the notified proposals, DOC's advice and your feedback:
 - 48 areas proposed to be considered for National Park classification.
 - 60 sites where there are different views on the suitability or appropriateness of the particular classification proposed.
- I think a useful way to work through these sites is to group them into categories. The work our officials did together over the last week has helped to frame these categories.

Decisions where there are differences – National Parks

- Ngāi Tahu share concerns with the two other iwi that provided feedback, Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Rārua, on the limitations of the National Park classification.
- Although DOC has recommended I proceed with 48 national park proposals, officials have categorised seven sites where the Crown may be particularly motivated to pursue national park status.
- This includes iconic sites associated with Cave Creek and Pike River disasters which are of heightened public interest, and five areas which have been recommended for addition in a National Park Management Plan.
 - For these sites, my intended decision is to...

Decisions on where there are differences – 60 non-aligned sites

- There is a group of 20 sites where the Ngāi Tahu recommendation is based on specific long-term interests, that the land contains pounamu resources or is adjacent to Ngāi Tahu forestry.
 - For these sites my intended decision is to...
- Of the remaining 40 sites where there is not alignment between the notified proposal, DOC advice and iwi feedback, the differences revolve primarily around the suitability of the proposed classification. These have been broken down into four further categories:
 - i. Four instances where DOC recommended that I do not proceed with the notified conservation park or disposal proposals. Ngāi Tahu have advocated that the notified proposal is appropriate.
 - For these sites my intended decision is to...
 - ii. Six areas proposed to be classified as Government Purpose reserve. Ngāi Tahu have advocated that the areas should be retained in stewardship to support future opportunities for the Crown.
 - For these sites my intended decision is to...
 - iii. Fifteen areas where Ngāi Tahu have advocated that the areas should be retained in stewardship to support future opportunities for the West Coast region. These were proposed for a mixture of conservation park, local purpose reserve and scenic reserve.
 - For these sites my intended decision is to...
 - iv. Fifteen areas where Ngāi Tahu have advocated that the notified proposals are inappropriate, and do not reflect the values present. These were proposed for a mixture of conservation park and scenic reserve.
 - For these sites my intended decision is to...

Next steps

- I would welcome your thoughts on my draft decisions.
- Following our discussion, I intend to inform those Cabinet colleagues who have an interest in stewardship land of my intended decisions. I will then look to finalise my decisions.
- I intend to publish a press release to announce my decisions publicly, and proactively release material associated with my decisions, including the DOC summary of submissions report and advice.
- There is an opportunity for Ngāi Tahu to support any announcements I make, and my office will engage with you to discuss this opportunity as the details develop.

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