

19-D-00719

Hon Scott Simpson
MP for Coromandel
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Dear Hon Scott Simpson

Thank you for your email of 2 May 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"Agenda, minutes, papers prepared for and or tabled at the meeting of the Sustainable Business Network with the Minister, Hon Eugenie Sage and attended by ministry officials Tanisha Vithal and Hono Tataki on Thursday 31 January 2019 at 11.45am at the Policy office in Auckland. This request includes emails, correspondence, texts and other records created in the lead up to the meeting and subsequent to the meeting."

The Ministry for the Environment has identified ten documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached table. Some information within these documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion by, between or to Ministers or officials in the course of their duty.
- 18(d) information has been made publically available

Some out of scope information has also been removed from the documents being released to you.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

We understand you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 to Hon Eugenie Sage (19-0-00441) on 12 March 2019, and the response provided you the meeting note prepared by Ministry officials with the Sustainable Business Network and Minister Sage. Therefore, this document has not been included in documentation released.

A transcript of the handwritten notes (document 9 in the attached table) is also being provided to you under section 16 of the Act, to assist with reading the handwritten notes.

Please note that ministry officials Tanisha Vithal and Andrew Needham attended the meeting outlined above. Hono Tātaki is the Māori name for the Resource Efficiency and Innovation team at the Ministry for the Environment.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our website on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent.

If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Lewis', is positioned above the typed name.

Shaun Lewis, Director
Investments and Partnerships

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List of documents

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	22 January – 23 January 2019	Email Chain: RE Minister Sage meeting with Rachael Brown CEO and James Griffith General Manager of SBN	Released in part	S9(2)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons
2	22 January – 25 January 2019	Email Chain: FW Minister Sage meeting with Rachael Brown CEO and James Griffith General Manager of SBN	Released in part	S9(2)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons
3	28 January 2019	Email: Change of time – SBN – 11.45 to 12.30pm Auckland Policy Office	Released in part	S9(2)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons
4	29 January 2019	Email Chain: RE SBN Meeting note	Released in full	n/a
5	30 January 2019	Email: Meeting Note – SBN and Minister meeting 31 Jan	Released in full	n/a
6	30 January 2019	Email Chain: 1. RE Meeting Note – Min Sage and SBN – Thurs 31 st Jan	Released in part	S9(2)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons
7	30 January 2019	Email Chain: 2. RE Meeting Note – Min Sage and SBN – Thurs 31 st Jan	Released in part	S9(2)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons
8	30 January 2019	Meeting Note: "Meeting with Sustainable Business Network to discuss their Plastics Circular Economy Diagnostics report, and Waste Minimisation Fund 2018 project on product stewardship".	Withheld	S18(d) Document in the public domain

9	31 January 2019	Copy of Handwritten Meeting Notes	Released in part	S(9)(2)(g)(i) To maintain effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion Note: Out of scope material is redacted
9.1	31 January 2019	Transcript of Handwritten Meeting Notes	Released in part	S(9)(2)(g)(i) To maintain effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion Note: Out of scope material is redacted
10	31 January 2019	Email: More information about GulfX for Min Sage	Released in full	n/a
10.1	31 January 2019	Email Attachment: 2019 GulfX overview.pdf	Released in full	n/a

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From: [Andrew Needham](#)
To: [Tanisha Vithal](#)
Subject: RE: Minister Sage meeting with Rachel Brown, CEO and James Griffin, General Manager of SBN
Date: Wednesday, 23 January 2019 2:58:34 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Meeting is from 9-10am. Would give us rest of day to set up those other meetings.

Andrew Needham – Senior Investment Manager, Hono Tataki – Resource Efficiency and Innovation

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From: Tanisha Vithal <Tanisha.Vithal@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 22 January 2019 8:01 PM
To: Andrew Needham <Andrew.Needham@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Minister Sage meeting with Rachel Brown, CEO and James Griffin, General Manager of SBN

Hi Andrew,

This is the meeting that will be happening on 31st January (see below email chain).
As I'm not in the office tomorrow, are you able to ask Hinemoa what time this meeting will be?
It could be quite good to align our other meetings up on the same day, and to also attend this one if possible.

Cheers,
Tanisha

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From: Hinemoa Awatere <Hinemoa.Awatere@mfe.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 22 January 2019 4:22 PM

To: Tanisha Vithal <Tanisha.Vithal@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Minister Sage meeting with Rachel Brown, CEO and James Griffin, General Manager of SBN

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From: Shaun Lewis <Shaun.Lewis@mfe.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 22 January 2019 11:38 AM

To: Hinemoa Awatere <Hinemoa.Awatere@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Minister Sage meeting with Rachel Brown, CEO and James Griffin, General Manager of SBN

Is anyone from the team in Auckland on Friday 31 Jan that could attend this meeting with the Minister. Otherwise I'd say no

Shaun Lewis

Phone: 64 21 101 2446

From: Penny Race <Penny.Race@parliament.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 22 January 2019 11:16 AM

To: James Walker <James.Walker@mfe.govt.nz>; Shaun Lewis <Shaun.Lewis@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: Minister Sage meeting with Rachel Brown, CEO and James Griffin, General Manager of SBN

Morena James and Shaun

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think there is anyone in the Auckland office that should/could attend? A DOC private secretary (Henley) is accompanying her for the day as she has a number of conservation meetings as well.

Nga mihi

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To: [Tanisha Vithal](#)
Cc: [Andrew Needham](#)
Subject: FW: Minister Sage meeting with Rachel Brown, CEO and James Griffin, General Manager of SBN
Date: Friday, 25 January 2019 12:36:21 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Tanisha

Can you please do this thank you,

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From: Penny Race <Penny.Race@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 25 January 2019 11:28 AM
To: Hinemoa Awatere <Hinemoa.Awatere@mfe.govt.nz>; Meg Larken <Meg.Larken@mfe.govt.nz>
Cc: Shaun Lewis <Shaun.Lewis@mfe.govt.nz>; Andrew Needham <Andrew.Needham@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Minister Sage meeting with Rachel Brown CEO and James Griffin, General Manager of SBN

Kia ora

That will work well works perfectly.

Please can a meeting note be prepared for Minister Sage including information on:

- SBN's WMF project
- MFE's comments on SBN's report on NZ's plastic packaging system, and any discussions it has had with SBN on the report. I do not have any comments from Minister Sage on the report – but MFE may like to ask Minister Sage at the meeting on Monday 28th January.

Details of the meeting: Thursday 31 January, 9-10 am; Level 3, Old Sofrana House, 18 Customs Street East, Auckland 1010; Rachel Brown, CEO and James Griffin, General Manager of SBN – contact James s9(2)(a)

Please can the note be prepared by the end of Tuesday 29th January?

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Sent: Wednesday, 23 January 2019 4:46 PM

To: Penny Race <Penny.Race@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: Shaun Lewis <Shaun.Lewis@mfe.govt.nz>; Andrew Needham <Andrew.Needham@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Minister Sage meeting with Rachel Brown, CEO and James Griffin, General Manager of SBN

Kia ora Penny,

Andrew Needham is able to attend the meeting between Minister Sage and SBN on 31 January as he will be in Auckland that day for WMF meetings.

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From: Andrew Needham <Andrew.Needham@mfe.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 23 January 2019 4:44 PM

To: Hinemoa Awatere <Hinemoa.Awatere@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Minister Sage meeting with Rachel Brown, CEO and James Griffin, General Manager of SBN

Kia ore Hinemoa,

Tanisha and I can attend as we have planned meetings with several WMF funding recipient's that day.

Nga mihi,

Andrew

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From: [Penny Race](#)
To: [Hinemoa Awatere](#); [Andrew Needham](#); [Tanisha Vithal](#)
Subject: Change of time - SBN - 11.45 to 12.30 pm Auckland Policy Office
Date: Monday, 28 January 2019 11:45:44 AM

Morena

The meeting with Minister Sage and SBN Rachel Brown, CEO and James Griffin, General Manager has changed to 11.45 to 12.30 pm at the Auckland Policy Office.

Please can you let me know if Andrew and Tanisha can still attend?

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From: [Hinemoa Awatere](#)
To: [Penny Race \(Parliament\)](#)
Cc: [Tanisha Vithal](#)
Subject: RE: SBN Meeting note
Date: Tuesday, 29 January 2019 3:16:22 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Ka pai,

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From: Penny Race <Penny.Race@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 29 January 2019 3:15 PM
To: Hinemoa Awatere <Hinemoa.Awatere@mfe.govt.nz>
Cc: Tanisha Vithal <Tanisha.Vithal@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: SBN Meeting note

Kia ora Hinemoa

All fine – I haven't heard back from her as to whether there was anything specific she wanted to raise in relation to the SBN report...

From: Hinemoa Awatere [<mailto:Hinemoa.Awatere@mfe.govt.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 29 January 2019 3:13 PM
To: Penny Race <Penny.Race@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Tanisha Vithal <Tanisha.Vithal@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: SBN Meeting note
Importance: High

Kia ora Penny

We'd like to deliver this tomorrow morning please – today is too tight because of other priorities,

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From: [Tanisha Vithal](#)
To: [Meg Larken](#)
Subject: Meeting note - SBN and Minister meeting 31 Jan
Date: Wednesday, 30 January 2019 10:25:00 AM

Hi Meg,

Can you please review this meeting note? This has to go over to the office asap.
This has been peer reviewed by Marianna.

Meeting Note - Min. Sage + SBN - Thurs 31st Jan.docx
<https://tepuna.mfe.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll/link/11507142>

Cheers,
Tanisha

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From: [Penny Race](#)
To: [Meg Larken](#)
Cc: [Tanisha Vithal](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting Note - Min. Sage and SBN - Thurs 31st Jan
Date: Wednesday, 30 January 2019 12:57:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Great many thanks both

From: Meg Larken [mailto:Meg.Larken@mfe.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 30 January 2019 11:30 AM
To: Penny Race <Penny.Race@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Tanisha Vithal <Tanisha.Vithal@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: Meeting Note - Min. Sage and SBN - Thurs 31st Jan

Hi Penny,

Please see attached, meeting note for tomorrow.

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Cc: [Tanisha Vithal](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting Note - Min. Sage and SBN - Thurs 31st Jan
Date: Wednesday, 30 January 2019 2:25:40 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Yep – lucky I had time to read it!

From: Meg Larken [mailto:Meg.Larken@mfe.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 30 January 2019 2:20 PM
To: Penny Race <Penny.Race@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Tanisha Vithal <Tanisha.Vithal@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Meeting Note - Min. Sage and SBN - Thurs 31st Jan

Dam you autocorrect! 😊
Did you pick it up before it went to the Minister?
Meg

From: Penny Race <Penny.Race@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 30 January 2019 2:10 PM
To: Meg Larken <Meg.Larken@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Meeting Note - Min. Sage and SBN - Thurs 31st Jan

FYI – the Chief Scientist is Juliet Gerrard 😊

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Summary of Notes with SBN + Minister

Circular Economy Accelerator

Purpose is to connect Carbon + CIE

Entrepreneurial part of SBN. Slow moving but moving in the right direction.

Company were for 3 members which was a 25% growth since 2017. Ann to have for members by the end of 2019.

Minister suggested to SBN host a Presentation to Pledging NZ

There is a National which is held at Maxwell, refreshment

Presenters Respected → SBN to talk to this year but the presentation conference. Minister could also potentially talk to this

→ This conference is quite big and more

First step for SBN → Spang talking. → Need to build up a few more NZ

↳ Multinationals usually use NZ as a last best best. They don't usually generate the IP in NZ

→ If these firms in NZ don't first, this will drive up investment.

Reviewing Business → B Team (2019)

Want to create a link with Climate Change, in order to see the business level see

the business opportunity they could see of as a "good way to do it".

Temperature → Get it. → Innovation to clean up. This is related to the innovation guide.

→ Ormand 3 years funding from "Funderbox NZ with "Get Fund".

→ will cost NZ \$300k per year. → will increase this on 2019 Feb.

SBN Presentation → 28th August (2019)

Parrell Morrison

EMF are currently working on a food waste Decree. This document will be going out shortly.

MINISTER COMMITTEE → Move so that the report about goes to the Environment Select Committee.

MPI have a "Future Focus" fund → SBN has met with MPI

MINISTER COMMITTEE → Need an appropriate pressure from MPI to rise & partner with MPI.

→ Set where else they can help with resource & funding.

Measurement → Question around this topic & where it's at.

MINISTER ON → What is the holdier?

→ Action: Minister Saye has regular meetings with Minister.

→ Parker says will bring this up to him (first the issues).

→ In ANZ, there is the "Procurement team" of Strategy Team

Remains Procurement = in 2005/2006 = "GWS"

ANZ → Ministers that perhaps procurement template of ANZ should be used for government.

→ ANZ (2019) (1)

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S9(2)(9)(1)

Council procurement → Focus is on "low-cost" ← Differences.

Government procurement → Focus on "whole-of-life" ←

RECURRING → Need to look at the Drivers & Frameworks.

S9(2)(9)(1)

Carair Brannath - carpet tiles (MPE) S9(2)(9)(1)

Studio Pacific Architecture

S9(2)(9)(1)

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Question from

"EECA" model for waste mgmt/should be explored by MPE. (This would be to address more than just wastes).

From SBN

was that setting this up would be free since → this may be best operated independently from govt. (to be "one stop direct" to MPE's permission).

From SBN

Investment process is burdensome (needs to be more trust in applicant & different framework).

From SBN

More numbered we include into, removed in future & audit results.

Therefore it would be a platform (portal system).

ITC → focus on internal information to bring this into NZ.

They have started to look at sustainability, but it's not as much of a focus of one person.

MINISTE COMMENT → We need to connect up with them.

S9(2)(9)(1)

An independent knowledge branch is required. This could be getting technology from SBN → a deliberate size is always a challenge.

SBN essential to offer a cross (E advisory Service).

will require cross-agency to deliver services.

→ This is where products are made and this too.

MPE is restorative food (Paper in the Zone → Food & Climate Paper).

S9(2)(9)(1)

Dr. Sudva Singh → Health + Climate + Food Sector change Health. Parallelly possible.

(+ Practice Based) → Kyla (staff/personnel) 7-77

Officially

Typed Notes for OIA request Sustainable Business Network (SBN) and Minister Sage Meeting (19-D-00719)

SBN Overview of Company

- Circular Economy Accelerator – the purpose is to connect
 - Low carbon economy combined with circular economy
- Currently have 608 members, which was a 25% increase in growth since 2017. Aim to have 700 members by the end of 2019.
- Minister suggested to SBN to do a presentation to Plastics NZ
- There is a “Natural” presentation/conference which is held in March. SBN to talk to this, but the Minister could also potentially talk to this? This conference is quite big and diverse.
- First step for SBN = story telling. Need to build up a few more NZ stories first (relevant to international search to NZ). Multinationals usually use NZ as a test bed first; they do not usually generate the IP here in NZ first. There is still a big opportunity here.
- If base this in NZ first, this will drive up investment.
- Richard Branson = B-team (???)
- (“Good for the planet, not good for businesses”.)
- Want to create a link with climate change, however businesses do not see this as an economic opportunity, they only see it as a ‘good thing to do’.
- Tangible initiative – GolfX = innovation to clean up the Hauraki Gulf. This is related to all waste streams. Obtained 3 years funding from “Foundation North” (Gift Fund). Will cost ~\$300k per year¹. Will be announce this on 28th February.
- SBN Presentation – 28th August?
- Darrel Harrison

Food Waste

- Ellen MacArthur Foundation (EMF) are currently working on a food waste piece. This document will be coming out shortly.

MINISTER COMMENT: Make sure that the report above goes to the Environment Select Committee.

- MPI have a “Future focused” fund – SBN has met with MPI. This does encompass food waste s9(2)(g)(i)
- s9(2)(g)(i)

MINISTER COMMENT: Need an appropriate person(s) from MfE to liaise and partner with MPI (see where else they can help with resourcing and funding).

¹ Note this is incorrect – The G.I.F.T Gulf Innovation Fund Together website <https://www.giftofthegulf.org.nz/grantees-list> outlines a grant of \$396,300 was granted to SBN over three years, not ~\$300,000 per year.

Procurement

- Procurement - Question around this this topic and where it's at?
 - MINISTER QU: What is the hold up? ANS s9(2)(g)(i)
 - s9(2)(g)(i)
- ACTION: Minister Sage has regular meetings with Minister Parker (on progress). She will bring this up to him (raise the issue). Might involve James, MBIE etc ???,
- Note: In MBIE, there is a 1. Procurement Team and a 2. Strategic Team. Reports to Parker.
 - Previous procurement initiative = in 2005/2006 = "Gov3".
 - Air New Zealand – Mentions that perhaps a procurement template of Air NZ could be used for government. Discuss Council procurement vs Government procurement mechanisms.
 - QU s9(2)(g)(i)
 - Auckland Council Model (procurement) = s9(2)(g)(i)
 - Differences: Council Procurement – s9(2)(g)(i); focus is on "Low Cost". Government procurement – focus on "whole-of-life".
 - PROCURMENT – Need to look at the Drivers and Frameworks.
- s9(2)(g)(i)

Waste Minimisation Activities

- Cavaleir Branworth = carpet tiles (MfE). s9(2)(g)(i)
- Asked about why Green Gorilla has not developed a site in Wellington. s9(2)(g)(i)
- Studio Pacific Architecture – they divert construction waste from landfill. Because of this, they continually update their options on products. s9(2)(g)(i)
- Mention from Minister that an 'EECA' model for waste might/should be explored by MfE. (This would be to address more than just waste). BUT mention from SBN was that setting this up would be too slow – this may be best operated independently from government (to be 'one step ahead' to help government transition).
- WMF comment by SBN -
 - Investment process is burdensome (needs to be more trust in the applicant or different frameworks).
 - We mentioned we looking into it, reviewed by Akina and PwC audit results.
 - Mentioned cloud based platform (portal system).
- NZTE - Focus on international infrastructure and to bring this into New Zealand. They have started to look sustainability, but there is only a team of one person s9(2)(g)(i)

- MINISTER COMMENT: We need to connect up with them

Other Points to Note

- An independent knowledge branch is required (this would be faster than government).
- Getting technology from lab - a scalable size is always a challenge
- SBN essentially offer a cross circular economy advisory service. Will require cross-agency to deliver on this. (This is where procurement feeds into this too).
- MPI and restorative food (Paper in The Lancet - Food and Climate Paper).
 - s9(2)(g)(i)
- Dr Sudva Singh – Health Sector + Climate Change + Food Health = really knowledgeable.
- BOMA – Kyla (staff/personnel)???

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From: [Rachel Brown](#)
To: [Eugenie Sage](#); [Tanisha Vitthal](#); [Andrew.needhad@mfe.govt.nz](#)
Subject: More information about GulfX for Min Sage
Date: Thursday, 31 January 2019 6:06:56 PM
Attachments: [2019_GulfX_overview.pdf](#)

Hello again – thanks so much for the meeting today.

As promised attached is an outline on GulfX

We are launching it on the 28th Feb at Kelly Tarlton. If the Minister is free to present (6-8pm) please let me know.

As discussed this is a 3 year programme with seed funding from GIFT.

We are looking for financial partners – DOC would be a great partner for this.

Let me know next steps.

Thanks Nga mihi

Rachel

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Introducing GulfX from The Sustainable Business Network

A major new regional business engagement programme

to protect and restore the Hauraki Gulf.

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Gulf Innovation Fund Together (G.I.F.T) – a Foundation North initiative.

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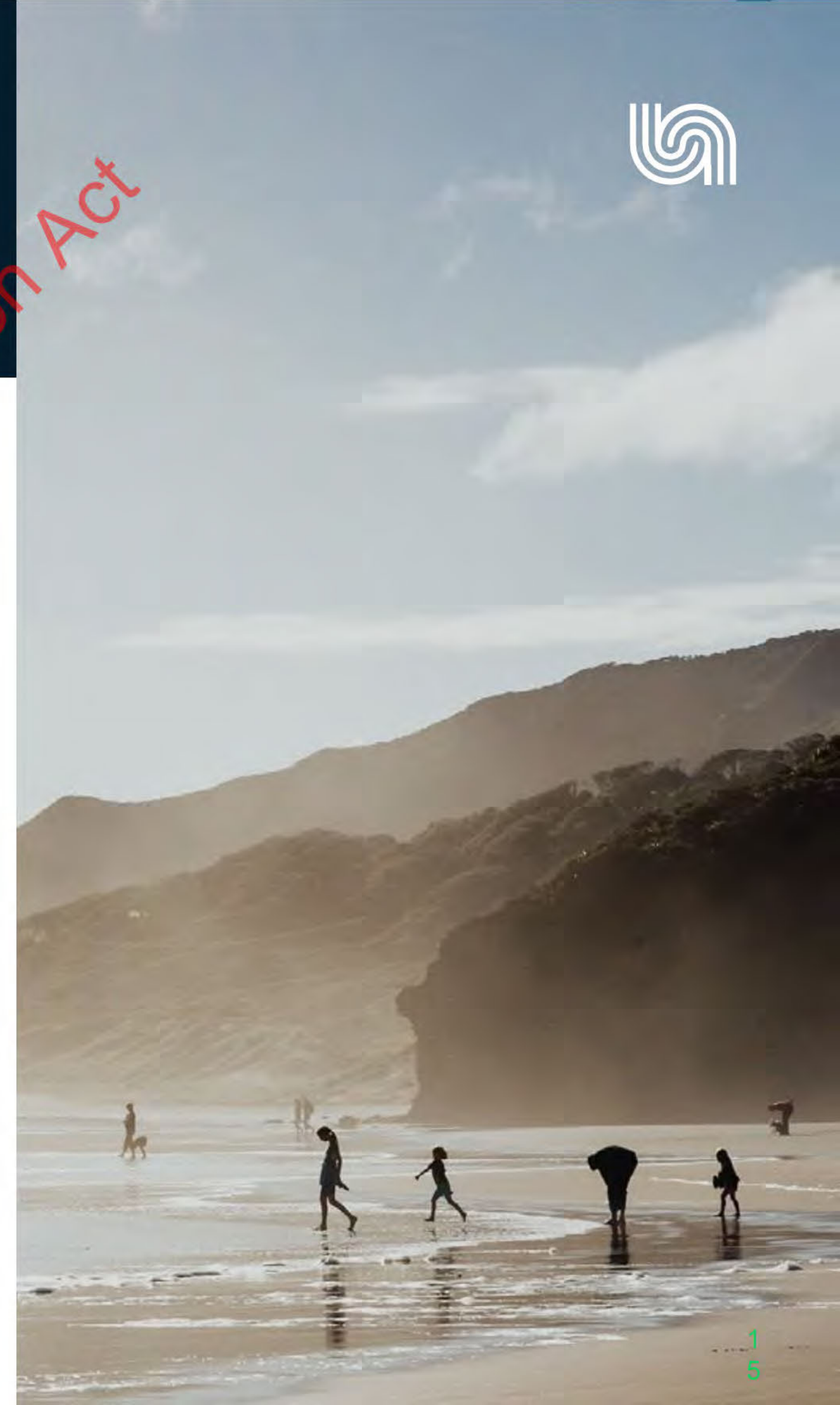
What's it all about?



GulfX focuses the Sustainable Business Network's membership, resources and established national programmes on the land based ecological restoration of the Hauraki Gulf and its catchment waterways.

The aim of GulfX is to connect more people with Tikapa Moana (The Hauraki Gulf) and in doing so work to restore the relationship between the gulf and those who live around, rely on, and impact upon her waters.

HGMP
HGMP catchment
Other land



What we are doing

STRATEGIC GOAL

Reducing plastic in our harbours

This will be done through SBN's Circular Economy Accelerator, particularly its Plastic Packaging Innovation Programme (PIP). PIP provides expert support for businesses looking to reduce and redesign problematic plastic packaging, tackling the marine plastic pollution problem at source.

INITIAL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

Installing litter traps in business around the Hauraki Gulf catchment

We will be advocating and supporting participating business to install litter trap devices in storm water drains on their properties. These devices help prevent litter from entering the sea. This process will be used as an opportunity to increase awareness of on-site activity and marine pollution.



What we are doing



STRATEGIC GOAL

Accelerating Auckland's smart transport transition

One of the key ways to cut pollution from transport in and around the Hauraki Gulf is to accelerate the transition to an efficient and zero carbon transport system. Through GulfX we will be working with commercial fleet managers and public transport operators. We will be assisting and supporting them in making changes that cut pollution, from redesigning systems to adopting electric vehicles.

INITIAL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

Promoting the adoption of low copper brake pads in commercial vehicle fleets

Heavy metals (mainly copper and zinc) are among the most prevalent and persistent pollutants in the Gulf. As an initial step we will work with commercial fleet managers to reduce the copper in their chosen brake pads, to raise awareness and cut pollution.



What we are doing

STRATEGIC GOAL

Scaling up the work of Million Metres Streams in the Hauraki Gulf catchment

Million Metres streams is the Sustainable Business Network's project to restore the banks of New Zealand waterways by planting native plants and trees. It is a unique combination of crowdfunding, community action, business support and local authority co-operation.

INITIAL BUSINESS ENAGAGEMENT

Supporting 10 Million Metres Streams projects in the Hauraki Gulf catchment

As part of the GulfX business engagement programme Auckland Council is supporting the establishment of a range of Million Metres Streams projects in the region.



What we are doing



STRATEGIC GOAL

Deepening business people's engagement in nature restoration

SBN seeks to make its work more impactful through applied social psychology, behavioural psychology, ecopsychology and spiritual ecology. This naturally includes increased engagement with and application of the indigenous Maori worldview.

INITIAL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

Leadership based on deep respect for nature

SBN is in the process of completing an initial survey of the latest deep engagement methodologies. We will be applying them to a redesign of all our engagement activities, events and communications. In addition, we will be applying this deepened perspective to our regular Leadership in Sustainability Course.

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Seeking further partners

STRATEGIC GOAL

Formalising GulfX Partners

We are keen to work with all organisations who want to make protection and restoration of marine areas like Tikapa Moana a default setting for New Zealand. With Americas Cup and APEC in 2021 - the time to act is now – and the opportunities are huge. We need investment now as there is plenty to do.

INITIAL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

Promoting and partnering with relevant innovations

We are committed to assisting in realising and scaling up innovative action around the Gulf. Examples include electrifying the ferry fleet, a demonstration Living Building for the harbour, restoring kelp beds, Virtual and Augmented reality for marine conservation, and more!



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