

Hon Chris Bishop  
Leader of the House

Re: Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill

As responsible Minister, you requested advice from me about whether to retain the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill in the House.

I have discussed this matter with my colleagues, Hon Shane Jones, Minister for Oceans and Fisheries and Hon Tama Potaka, Minister of Conservation and Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti and I would like to advise that the Bill should be discharged from the Order Paper.

I intend to write to interested iwi/Māori groups (the chairs of Ngāti Kuri, Te Aupōuri and Te Ohu Kaimoana) to let them know the Government's decision, prior to the Bill being discharged.

[insert sign off]

Hon Penny Simmonds  
**Minister for the Environment**

Cc: Hon Shane Jones, Minister for Oceans and Fisheries  
Hon Tama Potaka, Minister of Conservation, Minister for Māori Crown Relations:  
Te Arawhiti