

Meeting with DOC on commission/adaptation

Present: **DOC** – Sarah Campin-Fordham; **MfE**: Allison Rokke, Sue-Ellen Fenelon, Samantha Hill, Lisa Niven

Context: public conservation land sequesters a lot of carbon, ecosystem collapse will release this. Blue carbon is an emerging area too, and a lot of this falls into DOC's responsibility.

Also some conflation (not in the ZCB in particular) between 1) the ETS, which accounts for post-1990, (mainly) production forestry and the national inventory, which is broader and includes DOC-managed forests, including native forests.

Commission needs someone who's across how healthy terrestrial and marine ecosystems and their contribution to mitigation and adaptation goals.

- Understand there is a long list of expertise requirements for the commissions already, and agree in principle with the idea of either appointing a pool, having technical expertise in the secretariat, or the commission being able to get external advice
- Biology/ecology should be in there somewhere, distinguished from general 'science' requirement if possible. Note that a holistic view is also important – a te ao Maori POV will also help capture some of this.
- DOC has a lot of data that might be of value to the commission. How to navigate any sensitivities around this? Previously MoUs or similar have been used.
- Discussion of the ability of green infrastructure/ecological systems to provide 'cost-effective' adaptation measures, and whether this is something we would want to reflect somehow. This would need to reflect 'whole of life' costs to avoid a narrow interpretation of costs.

Actions for MfE:

- Link up with our own Living Standards Framework people (Claudia B?) to discuss how this links in
- Email through wording to Sarah C-F to forward to the science/technical people with questions on what sensitivities might exist in relation to particular data that doc hold, that we might want to be shared with the commission. This can feed into consideration of what arrangements we put in place to give the commission access, while preventing sensitive information become part of any public release.
- Link DOC in on discussion around the framework for the National Climate Change Risk Assessment