



Environment Weekly Update

For the week starting 30 January 2023

Hon. David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Hon. Kiri Allan, Associate Minister for the Environment

Hon. Phil Twyford, Associate Minister for the Environment

Hon. James Shaw, Associate Minister for the Environment

Minister's comments

Out of Scope

3. Urban

3.1. Legislative settings for trees

We are investigating Minister Twyford's suggestion that in the transition to the new resource management system, the RMA be altered to allow 'specimen' urban trees to be identified for extra protection. We have commissioned Boffa Miskell to develop a potential definition of a specimen trees and are testing the practicalities and likely impact of this definition with Auckland Council and Christchurch City Council this week.

A briefing outlining our findings and identifying a potential way forward will be provided on 10 February 2023 (BRF-2629).

Out of Scope