



## **Environment Weekly Update**

**For the week starting 27 March 2023**

**Hon. David Parker, Minister for the Environment**

**Hon. Peeni Henare, Associate Minister for the Environment**

**Hon. James Shaw, Associate Minister for the Environment**

### **Minister's comments**

## 4. Urban

### 4.1. Update on urban tree content in the first National Planning Framework

At our meeting with Minister Parker on 20 March 2023, we tested our proposed approach for urban trees in the first NPF.

New content being developed for the first NPF will focus on the direction needed for Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS). In line with this, our advice has been that urban tree content in the first version of the NPF should prioritise embedding the importance of trees in urban environments and provide strategic guidance for RSS relating to urban tree canopy coverage data and developing urban forest strategies. As outlined in *BRF 2629 RM Reform 276 - Legislative Settings For Trees - Content In The First National Planning Framework And Transitional Arrangements*.

As directed in last week's meeting we will prepare advice and options on how the first version of the NPF could also include direction for urban tree management in NBE plans. We will provide this to Minister Parker as a part of the new content NPF briefing in May 2023.