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Hi Ilana

The following list of potential DOC nominees for the Independent Panel has been provided to our Minister's office.

We expect to hear back from the Minister's office shortly, so may have some changes, but please include these as placeholders for now.

Many thanks

Neil Deans

List for DOC recommendations to Expert Independent Panel to assess projects for Fast Tracking

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Hi Ilana

As discussed yesterday, just a quick update to say we have a short list of potential nominees to the Listed Project Independent Panel in respect of conservation matters being considered by our Minister's office at the moment, which I will get to you as soon as I can, hopefully by later this morning.

Regards

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FYI.

Do let me know if any thoughts!

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Kia ora koutou,

Following on from our conversation at the Fast track Governance meeting yesterday afternoon here are the immediate next steps as discussed and actions required by agencies for the next step.

At the direction of Minister Bishop, we are working on:

- a briefing and draft Cabinet paper for the Minister for lodgement by end of next week
 - **Means we need to get the briefing and draft cab paper to Ministers on Monday**
- The Cab paper will set out the process, who will be on the panel, the timeframes, how projects will get included in the Bill
- The proposed process for the listed projects will be via an application process -> preliminary eligibility/ineligibility screening done by a officials Secretariat ->

assessment by an independent 'Projects Panel' to assessment projects against the referral criteria in the bill -> panel recommendation to Ministers as to whether a project be recommended for Schedule A, Schedule B or to not be included as a listed project -> Ministerial decision.

- The panel members should be appointed via a cabinet process – APH is the preference.
- Panel members should be representative of a range of expertise and experience on matters such as infrastructure, economic development, environment, conservation, Treaty of Waitangi and local government.
- The panel/process needs to be set up and running by the end of March.

Nominations from agencies

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- To be included in longlist for Ministers nominations for the independent Projects Panel will need to be provided from each agency in a compiled list to MfE by **9am Friday (preferably earlier)** including:
 - Short bio highlighting relevant experience and expertise,
 - Confirmation the nominee has consented for their name to be forward to Ministers.
 - Confirmation they are available to participate in the panel between End March - September 2024 (exact timeframes and workloads across this period at this stage uncertain)
- To assist in agencies discussions on selecting and discussing the role with potential nominees it is anticipated that the Independent Projects Panel will:
 - assess the suitability of those projects for inclusion against the referral criteria specified in the Bill (not a merits assessment of the projects)
 - provide advice to Ministers to inform their final decisions on the list of projects to appear in the legislation.
 - advise Ministers whether projects are best suited for either Part A "shovel ready" or Part B 'shovel worthy' or are unsuitable for listing.
 - Ministers may invite the panel to rank the suitability of projects within each schedule.
 - Final decisions on projects to list in the Bill rests with Ministers.
 - The panel will be supported by a secretariat.
- A first cut working draft on the Terms of Reference for the panel has been attached. If you have any feedback on this please send this through.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

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