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Kia ora e te whānau

Just a quick note from me to mark the start of the new business groups at Manatū Mō Te Taiao.

Thank you all for your hard work getting us to this point. I'm confident that these new groups will help set us up to work together in more effective and integrated ways, and see us well placed to work with the new government and to keep delivering on our vision of a flourishing environment for every generation.

As the new structure, and each of our roles in it, settles over the next few weeks, and as we get more clear direction from the government about its priorities, it's good to remind ourselves of the things that don't change.

We have an important role in advising the government about some of the big challenges facing Aotearoa, and options for managing these. We will continue to provide the expert, free, fair and frank advice, consistent with the Treaty, as we have always done.

Thanks again for your professionalism and care for each other, and enjoy getting to know your new units, groups and leaders today.

Ngā mihi nui
James

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