

Weekly Update – Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

For the week starting 7 May 2018

Environment weekly meeting 11.00am – 12.00am, Monday 7 May

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment

Penny Nelson, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Performance, Innovation & Climate

Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water

Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Resource Management

Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance

James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers

Koi Carp briefing

Hon Eugenie Sage, Associate Minister for the Environment

Officials, Department of Conservation

	Agenda Item	Lead	Paper / verbal update	Mins
1.	Koi Carp briefing	DOC Officials	Verbal update	20
2.	Discuss Weekly Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	10
3.	Water Cabinet papers	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	10
4.	Urban update	Amanda Moran	Verbal update	10
5.	PFAS – community water scheme	Claire Richardson	Verbal update	10

Upcoming meetings

Week 7 May – 18 May

7 May	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
8 May	3.30 pm	Ministers Parker and Sage regular meeting
	6:30pm	Meeting with Minister Twyford to discuss UDA/Housing Commission land-use planning and consenting matters
10 May	8.30am	Local Government Central Government Forum
	11.15am	MfE officials - Water Cabinet papers
14 May	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
15 May	3.30 pm	Ministers Parker and Sage regular meeting
	7.30pm	Ministers Davis, Mahuta, O'Connor, Shaw re Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group
16 May	6.00pm	Meeting with Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group
17 May	11.15am	MfE officials – quality urban intensification national direction

1. Strategic priorities

1.1. Climate Change

Zero Carbon Bill

A Cabinet paper seeking approval of Climate Change Objectives is due to go to the Environment, Energy and Climate Committee on 9 May before being considered by Cabinet on 14 May. A Cabinet paper on Consultation for the Zero Carbon Bill is due to go to the Environment, Energy and Climate Committee on 22 May before being considered by Cabinet on 28 May.



1.2. Urban

The draft Legislating to Empower Complex Urban Development Projects Cabinet paper that you discussed with Ministers at your meeting on 3 May, will be further refined before going to the Economic Development Committee on 17 May and to Cabinet for consideration on 23 May. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We will continue to work closely with other agencies on these papers and any other briefings needed.

You will be meeting with Minister Twyford to discuss the UDA land-use planning and consenting matters on 8 May. Following that meeting, we will be working with MBIE to co-write the planning and consenting Cabinet paper for your consideration and feedback.

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1.3. Water

Following the Ministerial meeting on Wednesday 2 May, we are updating the three Cabinet papers in relation to water and you can expect updated versions to discuss with your colleagues in the next few days. We understand that your office is finding time for you to pursue Ministerial discussions.

2. Updates for noting

2.1. Good Farming Practice: Action Plan for Water Quality


The project Governance Group of senior representatives of primary sectors (primarily chief executives), regional council and the Water Directorate met on 27 April and have finalised the principles and Action Plan. This is a positive development, as it is a joint commitment by all the major primary sector groups to supporting every farm and horticultural property to have a plan for implementing good farming practices. A more detailed briefing will be provided next week. The Farming Leaders Group may raise this at their meeting with the Prime Minister in mid-May. The project Governance Group will be inviting you and/or Minister O'Connor to participate in the launch of the Action Plan. The current proposal is for a launch event at the National Fieldays (June 13-15). You are overseas at this time but you could issue a joint media statement with Minister O'Connor supporting the direction of the Action Plan and reinforcing the importance of moving quickly on the proposed actions. Alternatively the launch could be scheduled to enable you to be present, potentially on World Environment Day on 5 June. Your office will discuss your preferred option with you.

2.2. Release of Office of the Auditor General Performance Audit: Monitoring how water is used for irrigation

We have been informed that on 10 May 2018 the Auditor General will table in Parliament the audit on the implementation of the Resource Management (Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes) Regulations 2010 and use of the data produced by water users, especially irrigators. Although we have not seen the final report, we understand there are four recommendations; three of these are directed at the Ministry.

These recommendations relate to reviewing whether manual data collection should be allowed, how the data is used to encourage efficient water use and consent compliance, and that the Ministry evaluate the regulations with a focus on how they have changed the behaviour of water users. The Auditor General will offer you a briefing on the morning of tabling.

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3. Briefing notes

7 May – 1 June

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Due to office
Implementation of the Kigali Amendment to phase down HFCs - Options for revised ratification pathway	MfE	Seeks your agreement on a way forward for New Zealand to ratify the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol	7 May
Environment portfolio matters at the Central Local Government	MfE	Provides information to support your attendance at the CG/LG Forum on 10 May	7 May
Smoothing resource management system responses to prison facilities	MfE	Provides an overview of options for smoothing resource management system responses to prison facilities.	9 May
Public consultation on regulatory measures to ratify the Minamata Convention on mercury	MfE	Provides you with a draft Cabinet paper seeking approval to publicly consult on regulatory proposals required to ratify the Minamata Convention on mercury, and with a draft discussion document outlining these proposals.	10 May
Response to request for information on Rotorua Lakes Incentives Fund	MfE	Provides you with information you requested on the Rotorua Lakes Incentives Fund, in the context of the recent Environment Court hearing on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's proposed Plan Change 10.	10 May
Auckland Unitary Plan	MfE	Learnings from the plan-making process	10 May
Stock exclusion – assessing the merits of an NES or s360 regulation	MfE/MPI	Provides an analysis of the merits of providing national direction on stock exclusion and riparian management using either a National Environmental Standard or a regulation made under s360 of the RMA	11 May
Ministers and Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group meeting: 16 May 2018	MfE	Provides you with information and talking points to support Ministerial discussions with the Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group.	11 May
NPS-UDC- Annual Implementation Report to the Minister	MfE/MBIE	An update on councils' implementation of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity (NPS-UDC) and a summary of findings from the first Housing and Business Development Capacity Assessments (HBAs) that have been completed for five high-growth urban areas. It also outlines how this work links with the Urban Growth Agenda (UGA).	15 May
Volumetric charges for hydrogenerators: release of report	MfE	Advises you of the proposed release on the MfE website of a report analyzing volumetric water charges for hydrogenerators, advice on the content of the report and connections to other work areas.	31 May

4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

7 May – 1 June

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
Urban Growth Agenda	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee	This joint paper with Minister Twyford will outline the objectives and approach to implementing the Urban Growth Agenda.	Due to lodge: 10 May Due to Economic Development Committee: 16 May
Exclusive Economic Zone Board Of Inquiry - Appointments	(APH) Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	This is the Cabinet paper to present at the APH Committee so that it can note your intention to appoint members to the Tamarind Taranaki Limited Exclusive Economic Zone Board of Inquiry (EEZ BOI). Agreement is sought from the Committee to establish a standing fee exception for all EEZ BOIs.	Due to lodge: 10 May Due to Appointments and Honours Committee: 16 May
National Planning Standards: Approval for Consultation	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	This paper seeks in-principle agreement to the purpose of the planning standards and approval to release the draft planning standards for consultation.	Due to you: 4 May Due to lodge: 17 May Due to Environment Committee: 22 May
Legislating to Empower Complex Urban Development Projects	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee	We have provided input to MBIE on this joint Cabinet paper with Minister Twyford on the Urban Development s 9(2)(f)(iv) Legislation (Housing Commission). The paper covers the fundamentals, checks and balances, and processes, including the role of local authorities.	Due to lodge: 17 May Due to Economic Development Committee: 23 May
Minamata Convention: Approval to consult on Mercury Regulations	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	This Cabinet Paper seeks Cabinet agreement to publicly consult on a proposed package of regulatory measures to control the use and release of mercury in New Zealand. These measures are required in order for New Zealand to be able to ratify the Minamata Convention on Mercury.	Due to you: 10 May Due to lodge: 14 June Due to Environment Committee: 19 June
Urban Development s 9(2)(f)(iv) Legislation (Housing Commission) Cabinet Paper 2 (Title TBC)	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee	We are providing input to MBIE on this joint Cabinet paper with Minister Twyford on the Urban Development s 9(2)(f)(iv) Legislation (Housing Commission). The paper will cover its powers, including: land assembly, reserves, planning and consenting, infrastructure, and funding.	Due to lodge: June (TBC) Due to Economic Development Committee: June (TBC)

Resource Management Act Narrow 2018 Bill	(ENV) Environment, Energy and Climate Change Committee Meeting	This paper seeks policy approvals and approval to issue drafting instructions for a narrow 2018 Resource Management Act amendment.	Due to you: 7 June Due to lodge: 14 June Due to Environment, Energy and Climate Change Committee meeting: 20 June
Iwi/hapū Rights and Interests in Freshwater	(CMR) Cabinet Crown/Māori Relations Committee	This paper proposes a fresh approach to the Crown/Māori relationship for freshwater, including a broader approach to engaging with Maori, including the establishment of a new entity – a Māori Freshwater Forum called 'Kahui Wai-Māori' – as a co-design body for the Crown and Maori. This paper also proposes the treatment of key parameters of the Crown's policy response to Māori rights and interests in freshwater as well as proposals for how the Crown might structure the conversation with the Kahui Wai-Māori over the next 12 months.	Due to Cabinet: TBC
All of Government Programme Required to Manage the Response to Per- and poly-Fluorinated Alkyl Substances	ENV	The purpose of this paper is to seek decisions around scope and governance on a nationwide All of Government programme, to ensure the successful management of per- and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) contamination.	Due to Cabinet: TBC
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
Restoring our Freshwater and Waterways	TBC	An approach to restoring New Zealand's waterways for this term of Government with a focus on stopping further degradation, reversing past damage, and fixing water and land use fundamentals. We intend to report back to Cabinet in April 2018 with further details of a work programme to engage the public, take steps now to halt further degradation, and over the longer term address the fundamental issues in New Zealand's water management system.	Due to you: TBC
Goals for Land-based Sectors	TBC	The paper makes the connections between the Government's key commitments, sets out the major milestones and proposes the goals for the future of the land-based sectors. Achieving these goals is a critical component of making the necessary transition to a strong and sustainable New Zealand economy.	Due to you: TBC

Proposed Policy for Decommissioning Regulations in the Exclusive Economic Zone	TBC	The Cabinet Paper seeks approval for the release of a public discussion document on "Proposed regulations for decommissioning plans under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012. Regulations are needed in order for amendments to the EEZ Act on decommissioning to apply and to provide sufficient detail for the decommissioning process to operate effectively.	Due to you: TBC
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5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	DPMC	External Relations and Security (ERS), 8 May	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Singapore Proposal to Base F-15 Fighter Jets at Ohakea Air Force Base	MFAT /Defence	External Relations and Security (ERS), 8 May	<p>This paper presents the results of a work programme to assess a Singaporean proposal to base its F-15 fighter jets at Ohakea Air Force Base; and to direct officials to undertake further work on alternative options for hosting the F-15 fighter jets elsewhere in New Zealand or explore a different approach, including short-term training detachments.</p> <p>We have been involved over the course of the work programme, particularly in relation to RMA matters and the processes that would be required if the proposal were to proceed. We have provided comments on this paper to emphasise the need for a full assessment of effects through an RMA process and that the community response in this process may be impacted by the PFAS and potential noise issues in particular.</p>

6. Official Information Act requests

6.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
<p>1. A summary of steps taken by the Ministry for the Environment since 2015 to establish a regulatory framework for the monitoring and governance of atmospheric geoengineering in New Zealand.</p> <p>2. A summary of further reports/enquires by the public of alleged high altitude aerosol spraying from aircraft received by the Ministry since January 2016.</p> <p>3. Advice from your office about steps the Ministry will now take to reopen the reports received from the public of alleged high altitude aerosol spraying operations since 2010, and how these will be investigated.</p>	<p>§ 9(2)(a)</p> <p>FYI Request</p>	18-O-00663	16 April	15 May
<p>Given the change in policy outlined in a recent note by the Ombudsman in regards to 'Free and Frank' information, pursuant to section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 I request A copy of every Weekly Report received by you as Minister for the Environment since 1 February 2018</p>	<p>§ 9(2)(a)</p> <p>National Party</p>	18-O-00548	11 May	18 May

6.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
<p>1. Contractual arrangements between WM and Government regarding quantities of tyres to be collected, storage and processing arrangements for those tyres, start date and duration.</p> <p>2. Contractual arrangements between Golden Bay Cement and Government regarding re-factoring its Cement Plant to take T.D.F.</p> <p>3. Contractual arrangements between Golden Bay Cement and Government regarding quantities of T.D.F. to be processed daily, start date and duration.</p>	<p>§ 9(2)(a)</p>	18-D-00655	14 May
<p>Could you please advise how many Joint Management Agreements have been entered into under s 36B - s 36E of the Resource Management Act 1991 since the section was first added to the Act in 2005? If possible I would also appreciate the names of these agreements, which local authorities and iwi groups they pertain to, and the date they were entered into.</p>	<p>§ 9(2)(a)</p> <p>FYI Request</p>	18-D-00658	14 May
<p>I request all material, advice and communications (external and internal) provided to Government in preparation for the decision, announced on Thursday 12 April 2018, to limit</p>	<p>§ 9(2)(a)</p> <p>National</p>	18-D-00656	14 May

<p>onshore block offers to acreage in the Taranaki region and to no longer grant any new offshore oil and gas exploration permits.</p> <p>Please take this request to include (but not limited to) all written briefing materials, advice, memos, Cabinet papers, stakeholder engagement, etc.</p>			
<p>All advice provided by Ministry for the Environment to the Prime Minister, and/or the Minister for Energy and Resources, and/or the Minister for Economic Development, and/or Minister for the Environment, and/or the Minister for Regional Development, between October 2017 and April 12 2018, relating to whether or not future block offers of oil and gas exploration permits would be offered to the market. This request includes, but is not limited to, advice relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * energy security * employment * financial market stability * investment climate * regional development * New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions * New Zealand's obligations under the Paris climate accord. 	<p>s 9(2) (a)</p>	<p>18-D-00667</p>	<p>15 May</p>
<p>Can you provide a list of the draft swimming targets set out by all required councils?</p> <p>If a council was required to submit a draft target and has not done so by the time this OIA response is prepared, can you indicate that the draft target has yet to be set and for which council that draft target is pending?</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p> <p>Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ</p>	<p>18-D-00691</p>	<p>16 May</p>
<p>•According to Policy E1 in the NPS-FM 2014 part f) the implementation plan should be reviewed revised and formally adopted by 31 December 2015, and publically notified.</p> <p>Can you provide a copy of each council's Progressive implementation Plan as required by the NPS-FM 2014 Policy E1?</p> <p>If a council was required to submit a progressive implementation plan and has not done so by the time this OIA response is prepared, can you indicate that the implementation plan has yet to be set and for which council that implementation plan is pending?</p> <p>•According to Policy E1 in the NPS-FM 2017 part f) the implementation plan should be reviewed revised and formally adopted by 31 December 2018, and publically notified.</p> <p>If a council has completed the update of their progressive implementation plan in advance as required by the NPS-FM 2017 Policy E1, can you provide a copy of this updated Progressive implementation Plan?</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p> <p>Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ</p>	<p>18-D-00693</p>	<p>16 May</p>

<p>I'm aware that the ministry released some OIA documents in February relating to work undertaken by the iwi chairs forum and willy Te Aho.</p> <p>Can that same OIA please be sent to me, as it is now in the public domain. thanks.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a) Stuff</p>	<p>18-D-00694</p>	<p>17 May</p>
<p>For release of my records s 9(2)(a) and daughter [REDACTED] of a meeting that took place between at least 3 ministries just over one month ago</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p>	<p>18-D-00718</p>	

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For the week starting 14 May 2018

Environment weekly meeting 8.15am – 9.00am, Tuesday 15 May

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment

Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water

Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Resource Management

Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance

James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers

Tracy Plane, Manager, Executive Relations

Nigel Shatford, Consultant

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1.	Discuss Weekly Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	10
2.	Water Cabinet papers update	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	5
3.	Urban update	Amanda Moran	Verbal update	5
4.	PFAS	Claire Richardson / Nigel Shatford	Verbal update	5
5.	PCO workshop on drafting secondary legislation	Hon David Parker	Verbal update	5
6.	Mining privileges – Otago Fish and Game	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	5
7.	Fish and Game NPS	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	5
8.	Estimates 2018/19	Claire Richardson / Tracy Plane	Verbal update	5

Upcoming meetings

Week 14 May – 25 May

15 May	8.15am	MfE officials weekly meeting
	6.00 pm	Speaking: Beef and Lamb NZ Environment Strategy launch
	7.30pm	Ministers Davis, Mahuta, O'Connor, Shaw re Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group
16 May	8.00 am	Ministers Parker and Sage regular meeting
	12.00pm	Three Waters Ministers meeting
	3.30pm	Minister Shaw on Climate Change
	4.00pm	Housing Ministers' meeting
	6.00pm	Meeting with Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group
17 May	11.15am	MfE officials – quality urban intensification national direction
21 May	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
22 May	3.30pm	Ministers Parker and Sage regular meeting
	5:00pm	(ENV) Environment, Energy and Climate Change Committee Meeting
	6:30pm	Ministers Twyford, Jones, Sage, Mahuta re UDA to discuss final details
23 May	8:15am	MGT: John Morgan, Dr Bryce Cooper+ NIWA Scientists
	10.00am	Hugh Logan and Land and Water Forum Ct: John Blincoe
	11.00am	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee Meeting
	3.15pm	Beef and Lamb - Sam Mclvor CEO
	5:30pm	Follow-up Meeting with the Farming Leadership Group with PM, Ministers Robertson, Whaitiri, Jones and Shaw
	6.00pm	Te Ohu Kaimoana meeting with Environment Ministers.
24 May	11:15am	MFE Officials – RMA Freshwater Changes (<i>TBC</i>)
27 May- 3 June		<i>MINISTER OVERSEAS</i>

1. Strategic priorities

1.1. Urban

Minister Twyford is currently undertaking Ministerial consultation on a suite of papers setting out the Government's agenda for Housing and Urban Development. These papers cover the overall strategic direction, the establishment of the Urban Development Authority, the scope of the Urban Growth Agenda s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We have provided you with further advice on this package of initiatives that will be considered by DEV on 23 May.

Following the UDA/Housing Commission meetings you attended on 3 May and 8 May, MBIE is making the final changes to the core components Cabinet paper. The intention is to provide the final version to you and Minister Twyford to enable lodging on 17 May. Two further Cabinet papers are being drafted. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We will brief you on the outstanding planning and consenting matters from your meeting with Minister Twyford in advance of this.

1.2. Water

Water Cabinet Papers

You will have received all three updated draft Water Cabinet papers for final consideration. Officials understand that your office is working through options of timing and which committee(s) these papers will go to.

1.3. Climate

Zero Carbon Bill

A Cabinet paper seeking approval of Climate Change Objectives is being considered by Cabinet on 14 May. A Cabinet paper on Consultation for the Zero Carbon Bill is due to go to the Environment, Energy and Climate Committee on 22 May before being considered by Cabinet on 28 May.

2. Actions and decisions

2.1 Freshwater Improvement Fund – change to scope of Porirua City Council project

We are seeking your approval to change the scope of a Freshwater Improvement Fund project, proposed by the Porirua City Council (PCC). The former Minister approved up to \$1,971,625 from the Fund to support activities aimed at improving the water quality of Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour. Approved interventions included a 42 ha constructed wetland, a flood bypass pipe, and the daylighting of Mahinawa Stream all to be delivered over a four year timeframe.

We have been working with the Council to develop a detailed work programme for the project and agree to the terms and conditions of a deed of funding. Through this process, PCC in liaison with the local iwi, have determined that the daylighting of Mahinawa Stream is an unsuitable intervention for this project. Iwi are concerned that

daylighting the stream will result in partially untreated water discharged from the wetland being directed past their lands and properties, and create more of a flood risk for an already flood prone area.

To address these concerns PCC has requested a change to the project that will redirect funding towards the proposed wetland. This will maintain the benefits to freshwater fish species that daylighting Mahinawa Stream was expected to create, and improve the potential of the wetland. We are satisfied with this approach but as we consider this to be a substantive change to the original proposal, we are seeking your approval for this change, as the delegated decision-maker for the Fund.

The total approved amount from the Fund will not change and all previous funding conditions (relating to cultural input into the project, including iwi involved as part of the governance group, an objective related to Mātauranga Māori and completion of the project in a 4 year time frame) would also be retained.

Do you approve to a change in scope to PCC's Freshwater Improvement Fund project?

Yes / No

3. Updates for noting

3.1. Estimates 2018/19

At this stage the Estimates Hearing is scheduled for Thursday 14 June. We understand that this will be split into two sessions, discussing environment from 10:00 – 10:45am, and climate change from 10:45 – 11:15am. We would like to speak with you at the weekly officials meeting about how you want to run the environment hearing, what you need from MfE to prepare for the hearing, and the role of the associate Ministers. We will also be speaking with Minister Shaw to determine his expectations relating to the climate change hearing.

On Wednesday 9 May your office was provided with draft responses to a questionnaire required by the Finance and Expenditure Committee. Answers have been prepared by MfE and the EPA. You are required to submit the final questionnaire to the Environment Select Committee on 18 May. We recommend that you share your final submission with Hon Mahuta, Hon Shaw, and Hon Sage prior to delivering it to the Clerk of the Committee.

3.2. Review of the Drinking Water NES

MfE is currently undertaking a Review of the National Environmental Standard for Sources of Human Drinking Water (Drinking Water NES). In April 2018, Cabinet noted that MfE has agreed to accelerate and expand the scope of the Review in order to address the findings of the Havelock North Inquiry.

The Drinking Water NES came into effect in June 2008. It requires local authorities to consider potential contamination risks to drinking water sources when making decisions on regional plans and water and discharge consents. The Drinking Water NES is a key component of the drinking water regulatory system in New Zealand, which aims to establish a 'multi-barrier approach' to drinking water safety.

MfE has completed the first phase of the Review of the Drinking Water NES. We have found that the level of implementation by councils is variable across the country; larger councils generally have more robust approaches than smaller councils. One key issue affecting implementation is a lack of reliable information to enable regional councils to accurately identify and assess risks to drinking water in decision-making.

The second phase of the review will focus on the effectiveness of the Drinking Water NES, taking into account the findings of the Havelock North Inquiry. This will include engaging with regional councils, water suppliers, and other key stakeholders.

MfE is also investigating the potential use of source protection zones as a mechanism for identifying and managing risks to drinking water supplies. We consider that source protection zones could help address a number of the issues identified by the Havelock North Inquiry. In particular, they could raise the profile of drinking water source protection, within the resource management and planning system, without necessitating major legislative change.

We will provide advice on the outcomes of the Review of the Drinking Water NES in late July 2018, along with our advice on the Havelock North Inquiry's findings and recommendations related to the Environment portfolio.

3.3. Foxton River Loop – Meeting with Save Our River Trust

In November 2017 you received a letter, via the Prime Minister, from the Save Our River Trust in Foxton (Chair Robin Hapi). The reply stated that an MfE official would meet the Trust, as requested. That meeting occurred on 3 May 2018.

The issue is that in 1942-3 the Manawatu River was diverted by the government as a flood control measure. The wide river at Foxton town, which had previously been a major port, was cut-off from upstream flows and has become a small water course fed by saline high tide and some limited stormwater run-off from the town.

Improving the water quality adjacent to the town, by opening the now degraded water body to flow from the Manawatu River, is seen as an opportunity to create benefits to the economy of the immediate area including tourism and increased amenity value.

The Horowhenua District Council and Horizons Regional Council are working with the Trust to submit an application to the Provincial Growth Fund, for an economic and social study to quantify the economic benefits and secondly to fund the capital works (roughly estimated at five million dollars).

The Trust's objective in asking for a meeting was to seek wider awareness amongst central government officials to the project ahead of the application. We have subsequently corresponded with officials at the Ministry for Primary Industries and Te Puni Kōkiri who have had previous involvement with this project. We have not offered support for the project, which is not appropriate, but we have offered to assist with input to any review, as has been done with other applications that include a water quality perspective.

3.4. Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) launching legal toolkit on Climate Change and Natural Hazards Decision Making

In the week of 14 May, LGNZ plans to release a legal toolkit on Climate Change and Natural Hazards Decision Making. The toolkit aims to advise councils on their ability to limit new, and extensions to existing, development in natural hazard areas. We understand it updates and replaces legal advice from Simson Grierson, previously available on LGNZ's website. We expect the new toolkit will likely reference managing the effects of climate change on such things as coastal hazards (on which MfE has recently published guidance), flooding and debris flow hazards (such as in Matatā).

LGNZ plans to brief us on the toolkit next week, and will be promoting it to their members via a series of webinars about minimising the effects of climate change. We will provide further information on this toolkit to your office in the week beginning 14 May (once we receive an embargoed copy from LGNZ).

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4. Briefing notes

14 May – 8 June

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Due to office
NPS-UDC- Annual Implementation Report to the Minister	MfE/ MBIE	An update on councils' implementation of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity (NPS-UDC) and a summary of findings from the first Housing and Business Development Capacity Assessments (HBAs) that have been completed for five high-growth urban areas. It also outlines how this work links with the Urban Growth Agenda (UGA).	15 May
Report on the Enforcement of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996	MfE	Provides you with advice regarding the annual Activities and Intentions Report produced by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on the Enforcement of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996.	15 May
Final cabinet paper and final draft National Planning Standards	MfE	Approval of final cabinet paper and final draft National Planning Standards for Cabinet and Public Consultation	15 May
Response to request for information on Rotorua Lakes Incentives Fund	MfE	Provides you with information you requested on the Rotorua Lakes Incentives Fund, in the context of the recent Environment Court hearing on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's proposed Plan Change 10.	17 May
Auckland Unitary Plan	MfE	Provides you with information about the Auckland Unitary Plan (AUP). It will provide an overview of the process for developing the AUP, including challenges and lessons learned.	18 May
Ministers meeting with Te Ohu Kaimoana and Te Wai Māori Trust	MfE	Background briefing for you, Minister Mahuta, Minister Davis and Minister Sage to meet with Te Ohu Kaimoana (TOKM) and Te Wai Māori Trust.	18 May
Strategic choices for contaminated land management and publication of Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL) Guidance Document	MfE	Seeks your direction on lead paint contamination issue and informs you on the forthcoming publication of the HAIL Guidance Document	28 May
Urban Growth Agenda: Urban Planning Pillar - objectives, scope and approach	MfE	To follow Cabinet's decisions on UGA objectives and pillars. Will provide an overview of the Urban Planning Pillar and how it relates to the other UGA pillars and wider housing and urban development work programme. Will seek decisions on objectives for the Pillar, scope/workstreams and approach.	
Volumetric charges for hydrogenerators: release of report	MfE	Advises you of the proposed release on the MfE website of a report analyzing volumetric water charges for hydrogenerators, advice on the content of the report and connections to other work areas.	31 May
Genetic Technology Overview and Next Steps	MfE	A high level overview of developments in genetic technologies and the international regulatory landscape.	8 June

5. Cabinet material being prepared for you

14 May – 8 June

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Rural Proofing Government Policies	Ministry for Primary Industries	(SWC) Social Wellbeing Committee	The paper sets out the case for updating the Rural Proofing Guide for policy development and service delivery planning. We advised MPI that the paper was in line with MfE policy positions, s 9(2)(g)(i)

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7. Official Information Act requests

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<p>a copy of all advice you or your office has sent or received regarding options to reduce or limit the amount of nutrient run-off from farms.</p> <p>I also request the dates and attendees of any meetings that have been held discussing this matter. I would expect this to include all emails, briefings and aide memoires you or your staff have sent to or received from Ministry for the Environment as well as all other information you have sent to or received from other Ministers. The timeframe for this request is since 26 October 2017.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p> <p>National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00831</p>	<p>30 May</p>	<p>5 June</p>

7.2. Departmental

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Weekly Update – Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

For the week starting 21 May 2018

Environment weekly meeting 11.00am – 11.45am, Monday 21 May

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment

Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water

Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Resource Management

Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance

Craig Salmon, Manager, Climate Change Policy

Apologies: James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers

Penny Nelson, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Performance, Innovation & Climate

	Agenda Item	Lead	Paper / verbal update	Mins
1.	Discuss Weekly Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	10
2.	Urban update	Amanda Moran	Verbal update	5
3.	Water update	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	5
4.	Five iwi afforestation project	Craig Salmon	Verbal update	5
5.	PFAS	Claire Richardson	Verbal update	5

Upcoming meetings

21 May	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
	3.30pm	ENV Cabinet Committee pre-meeting
22 May	8.00am	Forestry Ministers meeting
	3.30pm	Ministers Parker and Sage regular meeting
	5:00pm	(ENV) Environment, Energy and Climate Change Committee Meeting
	6:30pm	Ministers Twyford, Jones, Sage, Mahuta re UDA to discuss final details
23 May	8:15am	MGT: John Morgan, Dr Bryce Cooper+ NIWA Scientists
	10.00am	Hugh Logan and Land and Water Forum Ct: John Blincoe
	11.00am	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee Meeting
	3.15pm	Beef and Lamb - Sam McIvor CEO
	5:30pm	Follow-up Meeting with the Farming Leadership Group with PM, Ministers Robertson, Whaitiri, Jones and Shaw
	6.30pm	Te Ohu Kaimoana meeting with Environment Ministers.
	7.30pm	Martin Taylor, Fish and Game and MfE officials
24 May	11:15am	MfE Officials – RMA freshwater changes + quality urban intensification national direction
27 May - 3 June		<i>MINISTER OVERSEAS (OECD)</i>
5 June		World Environment Day events in Auckland (plastics) and Waikato (farming action plan)
10 June – 12 June		<i>MINISTER OVERSEAS (Japan)</i>
14 June	10.00am	Estimates hearing for Vote Environment
	4.30pm	Marine Ministers meeting

1. Strategic priorities

1.1. Climate Change

Zero Carbon Bill

A paper on the objectives of the Climate Framework was passed at Cabinet on 14 May. A paper on Consultation for the Zero Carbon Bill is due to be considered by Cabinet on 28 May.

Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group

In July 2016 Cabinet agreed to the establishment of the Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group CCATWG to provide advice to the Government on adapting to the impacts of climate change. This week the Group will deliver their final report to the Minister of Climate Change. We are briefing the Minister on the contents of the report and this will be copied to your office.

1.2. Urban

A suite of four housing and urban development papers is being considered by Cabinet Economic Development Committee this week (23 May). These are the Housing and Urban Development Strategic Direction paper, the Urban Growth Agenda (UGA) paper, the UDA/Housing Commission core components paper s 9(2)(f)(iv)

All papers have been updated to reflect feedback from Ministerial consultation. For the UGA paper, the most significant change is the re-ordering of the UGA objectives to make housing affordability the main objective, supported by the wider goals. We have provided you and Minister Twyford with talking points to support you at DEV.

s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(g)(i)

The other main change is that we have deferred a decision on point of law appeals as more work is needed. We will work with MBIE to provide you with material to support you at DEV.

2. Updates for noting

2.1. Correspondence with Kate Wilson, Councillor, Dunedin City Council

You received an email on 16 March from Cllr Kate Wilson raising concerns about the “long, tedious and unreasonably expensive” process for enforcement under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). Cllr Wilson proposed an infringement regime be set up under the LGA, similar to dog control legislation. An infringement regime already exists under the RMA, and although fines are low (\$300 – 1000), the process is relatively straight-forward and cost effective.

Officials have discussed this further with Cllr Wilson who clarified her concerns relate to enforcement of the LGA (primarily bylaws), not the RMA. We recommend the matter be referred to the Minister of Local Government for response.

2.2. Response to questions on estuaries

In your feedback on the briefing *Instruments for national direction on estuaries* (#2018-B-04508) you asked a number of questions. We address these below.

1. *Would national direction on estuaries include estuarine wetlands?*

National direction on estuaries would include estuarine wetlands.

Estuaries can be understood as partially enclosed bodies of water formed where freshwater from the land meets and mixes with saltwater from the ocean. Our work on estuaries includes the whole system, including the intertidal and subtidal zones, coastal lagoons, and the mouths of rivers at the coast. Coastal wetlands are included within the system because they are located on the fringes of the intertidal zone or the more inland supratidal zone, which receives coastal water through wave splash, sea spray, and during storms.

'Wetland' has a broad meaning under the RMA, from inland freshwater wetlands through to brackish or saline coastal estuaries. Wetlands are generally dealt with in national policy statements according to their status as freshwater or coastal.

2. *Are tidal flaps managed under the NZCPS?*

They will be managed under regional plans, which are giving effect to the NZCPS and/or the Freshwater NPS.

Tidal flaps are commonly used to stop the sea backing up into streams or storm water pipes so are likely to be situated within the coastal environment. If they are part of storm water management systems, flap gates are managed by councils and may require resource consent to operate, depending on the provisions of council plans. Activities in the coastal marine area (out to 12 nautical miles from shore) are subject to the provisions of the NZCPS.

3. *Are bunds that direct flood flows (from streams) or high tides (from seaward side), dams or diversions that need renewal or are they permanent once originally completed?*

It depends on the type of resource consent.

Any works (including construction of bunds) are likely to require consent, as the locations are likely to be within coastal marine area/coastal environment or freshwater bodies. The types of consent that are required would be dependent on the location of the bund (i.e. river, streams, lake, coastal marine area), and if the bund is part of a reclamation.

If the bund is part of a reclamation, this would be permanent and the consent would be 'unlimited' with no expiry (as per s123(a) of the RMA). If the bund is not part of the reclamation, and is located within the coastal marine area (most estuaries are managed as part of the coastal marine area) and/or freshwater bodies, the consent for the bund would have an 'expiry date' (which would range from 5 to 35 years – as per s123(c)-(d) of the RMA).

2.3. Update on pest control litigation

On 5 March 2017 we advised you in 2018-B-04335 of the upcoming legal challenge against the validity of pest control regulations which you administer. A hearing date has been set down for 30 May 2018 in the Court of Appeal, and submissions have been filed.

The Crown was successful in the High Court, where our position was supported by Forest & Bird who joined the proceedings as an intervenor. Forest & Bird still supports our position on the validity of the regulations, but have reversed their position on one matter, which is the relationship of the regulations to sections 13 and 15 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The appellant (the Brook Valley Community Group), and now Forest & Bird, argue that aerial discharges of poison, where the poison will land in a riverbed, should require resource consent under s 13 (which applies to the deposit of a substance into a riverbed) as well as under s 15 (which applies to the discharge of contaminants). The Crown's position is that s 13 does not apply, because the activity is entirely regulated under s 15. This reasoning was adopted by Churchman J in the High Court.

This item is just for your information at this stage, we will update you following the hearing on 30 May 2018. The Crown Law Office and Ministry officials are happy to provide you with more information if you wish.

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3. Briefing notes

21 May – 15 June

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Meeting with Beef and Lamb NZ	MfE	Notes for 23 May meeting with Beef+Lamb NZ Chair and CE	21 May
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Response to request for information on Rotorua Lakes Incentives Fund	MfE	Provides you with information you requested on the Rotorua Lakes Incentives Fund, in the context of the recent Environment Court hearing on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's proposed Plan Change 10.	24 May
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<p>Sexual harassment in the public sector - Survey</p>	s 9(2)(a) Sunday Star-Times	18-D-00893	8 June
<p>Whether your department or ministry has purchased the services of lobbying firms Hawker Britton or Barton Deakin over the last five years and, if so, how much your department or ministry has spent with either or both of these firms, and what financial years their services were purchased.</p>	s 9(2) Spinoff	18-D-00862	12 June