

## Weekly Update – Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

For the week starting 3 September 2018

### Environment weekly meeting 11.00 am – 11.45am, Monday 3 September

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment

Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Climate and Water

Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Natural and Built System

Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance

James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers

Natasha Lewis, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Stewardship

Glenn Wigley, Director, Natural & Built Environment

Jo Gascoigne, Director, Natural & Built System

	Agenda Item	Lead	Paper / verbal update	Mins
1.	Discuss Weekly Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	10
2.	Water	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	10
3.	Urban/Resource Management	Amanda Moran	Verbal update	10
4.	PFAS – Ohakea community water scheme	Glenn Wigley	Verbal update	10
5.	Contaminated sites Ministerial	Glenn Wigley	Verbal update	5

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## Upcoming meetings

<b>3 September</b>	8.30am	Climate Change update
	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
	11.30am	Productivity Commission re climate change report
	3.30pm	Meeting with Auditor General regarding local government conflicts of interest
<b>4 September</b>	8.00am	Forestry Ministers meeting
	3.30pm	Minister Sage regular meeting
	6.15pm	Minister Sage regarding high country issues
<b>5 September</b>	8.00am	UDA meeting on Maori interests with Ministers Twyford, Davis, Mahuta, Jones and Sage
	3.00pm	Climate Change Ministers meeting
	4.00pm	Sustainable land use launch event with Minister O'Connor
<b>6 September</b>	3.00pm	MfE policy meeting (National Direction and Compliance and Monitoring Enforcement)
<b>10 September</b>	11.00am	MfE officials
	11.45am	ENV official committee
	3.15pm	Marine Ministers meeting
<b>11 September</b>	5.00pm	ENV Cabinet committee
<b>12 September</b>	5.00pm	Minister Sage regular meeting
<b>13 September</b>	8.00am	UDA meeting on entity form with Ministers Twyford, Mahuta, Jones and Sage
	8.45am	Regular meeting with Minister Mahuta
	10.00am	Minister Sage and Fiordland Marine Guardians
	11.30am	Minister Twyford and MfE officials on spatial planning
	4.00pm	Three waters Ministers meeting

## Upcoming Events

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<b>7 September</b>	1.30pm	ECO conference (Napier)
<b>20 September (TBC)</b>		Essential Freshwater Agenda launch
<b>21 September</b>	9.00am	RMLA Conference speech
<b>21 September (TBC)</b>		Visit to Aparima catchment, Southland

### 1. Progress towards Government's strategic priorities

#### 1.1. Climate Change

Consultation is underway on improvements to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS). The first stakeholder meeting will be held in Wellington on Friday 31 August, with meetings the following week in Auckland Rotorua, Christchurch and Dunedin. Over 450 registrations have been received for stakeholder meetings around the country. Submissions close on 21 September.

Work continues on finalising policy advice on the Zero Carbon Bill. We are working towards lodgement of the Cabinet paper on 13 September. Proposals for the Bill will be discussed at the Climate Change Ministers meeting you are attending on 5 September.

#### 1.2. Urban

As advised on the week of 20 August, we are working with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on advice on administering the Independent Hearings Panels (IHPs) under the Urban Development Authority (UDA) legislation and whether there is a role for the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). Agencies are still working through remaining substantive policy issues for the legislation and we will provide advice on administering IHPs in time for policy decisions to be made in the Cabinet paper on the entity form in November.

Your next meeting on the UDA entity form is on 13 September with Ministers Twyford, Mahuta, Jones and Sage. We understand that you and Minister Twyford will receive advice from MBIE on Thursday 6 September for discussion at this meeting.

On 5 September you will also meet with Ministers Twyford, Davis, Mahuta, Jones and Sage to discuss the approach in the UDA legislation to offer back obligations (under the Public Works Act 1981) for Crown land that is former Māori freehold land.

On 10 September you and Minister Twyford will receive a briefing from us on spatial planning under the Urban Planning Pillar of the Urban Growth Agenda (UGA). This advice will inform your meeting with Minister Twyford and officials on 13 September and your meeting with UGA Ministers on 20 September.

### 1.3. Water

#### Proposed launch

You have received a separate package of materials for the proposed launch of the Essential Freshwater Agenda, currently scheduled for 20 September. This includes:

- Latest versions of the launch documents;
- Proposed run sheet;
- Proposed media release and indicative talking points;
- Proposed invitation list; and
- Proposed approach to pre-briefing potential group members and key influencers.

#### Proposed event in Aparima catchment, Southland

We are working with the Aparima Community and Environment project group to plan your visit on 21 September. A detailed briefing will be provided next week

#### Update on establishing Kahui Wai Māori

You have received a separate briefing on the next steps for establishing Kahui Wai Māori. Nominations from a few of the groups approached have been received and officials proposed names and a process going forward.

#### Update on establishing the Freshwater Leaders' Group

Potential members of the Freshwater Leaders' Group have been sent draft Terms of Reference and an indicative overview of the work programme, and we are responding to questions. You will receive a detailed briefing next week.

We have received feedback from people on the approved list:

Agreed to be considered	Raised question	Declined
Nicola Shadbolt	Alison Dewes	s 9(2)(a)
Tom Lamble	Marnie Prickett	s 9(2)(a)
Gary Taylor	John Penno	
Hugh Logan	Mandy Bell	
Traci Houpapa		
Allen Lim		

Lain Jager (Chair of the Primary Sector Council (PSC)) has declined due to work schedule however he recommended Stephanie Howard (Project Director – Sustainability Council and member of PSC). A few nominees raised questions namely on a predominance of people from the agri-business sector and the potential for other voices to be outnumbered, and secondly the lack of scientific expertise on the group.

To address the first point, we recommend approaching Horiana Irwin-Easthope as a lawyer generally conversant with legal and Māori issues. To address the second point we recommend including Dr Marc Schallenberg, University of Otago, who is on the

Science and Technical Advisory Group to join the Freshwater Leaders and provide a link between the two groups, just as we have links to Kahui Wai Māori and the Primary Sector Council.

## 2. Updates for noting

### 2.1. Management Amendment bill – proposed timeline

We recommend you lodge the Cabinet paper this Thursday 6 September, so that the bill may be drafted and introduced to the House before the end of 2018, according to the following timeline.

Milestone	Date
Cabinet paper lodged for consideration by ENV Committee	6 September
ENV Cabinet Committee	11 September
Cabinet	17 September
PCO Drafting (10 weeks subject to PCO availability)	18 September to 27 November
Lodgement for LEG paper	29 November
LEG Committee	6 December
Cabinet	10 December
Introduction	11-13 December (last sitting of the year)

### 2.2. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants – National Report

Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants are required to submit a National Report every four years (Article 15 of the Convention). This is a short report which summarises the actions New Zealand has taken to implement the Stockholm Convention since the previous National Report. We will submit New Zealand's 4<sup>th</sup> National Report to the Convention Secretariat by 31 August 2018. New Zealand submitted previous reports in 2007, 2010 and 2014.

Once submitted, these national reports will be publically available on the Stockholm Convention's website. This year, the Report provides a high level update on New Zealand's implementation of obligations on chemicals which were listed in the Convention since 2014, including our ongoing work on PFOS. This includes information on the identification of contaminated sites and data on the export of chemicals for destruction overseas.

### 2.3. Parliamentary treaty examination of the Kigali Amendment to phase down hydrofluorocarbons

Following Cabinet's agreement on 13 August [CAB-18-MIN-0379 refers], the Kigali Amendment (the Amendment) and its accompanying National Interest Analysis (NIA) were presented to the House on 14 August, and have been referred to the Environment Select Committee for parliamentary treaty examination. The Committee has called for

public submissions, and has also invited iwi and industry stakeholders to submit before 30 August.

We will be appearing in front of the Select Committee as witnesses on your behalf on 6 September, and will give a presentation on the Amendment based on the contents of the National Interest Analysis. We will provide a copy of the presentation and any other relevant information to your office on 31 August, and will update you following the Committee's consideration of the Amendment.

**2.4.** s 9(2)(f)(iv)

[Redacted content for section 2.4]

**2.5.** s 9(2)(h)

[Redacted content for section 2.5]

**2.6. Trans-Tasman Resources Limited (TTRL) High Court decision released**

The High Court has quashed the August 2017 decision of the EPA's Decision Making Committee (DMC) to grant consent to TTRL to extract and process iron ore from the seabed and discharge remaining material into the sea. The High Court found that the DMC did not apply the correct legal test in relation to the concept of an adaptive management approach (which is not permitted for discharge consents under the EEZ Act), concluding that this was a material error that could have influenced the outcome of the DMC. The matter has been referred back to the DMC for reconsideration. We will work with the EPA and Crown Law to provide you with a briefing on this matter.

## 2.8 Environment Court decision on a declaration on the Auckland Unitary Plan

In March 2018 the Environment Court issued its third and final decision (ENV-2017-AKL-000105) on an application for a declaration lodged by Auckland Council, which the previous Minister for the Environment joined in August 2017.

- The declaration sought to clarify the lawfulness of Auckland Council's approach to assessing resource consent applications for additions or alterations to houses on properties with a Single House zoning in the Auckland Unitary Plan that are also subject to a Special Character Overlay.
- The council's approach had been to assess applications against the Special Character Overlay provisions, but not the zone provisions.
- The court found that the council erred in considering the Special Character Overlay provisions at the expense of the zone provisions. Both sets of provisions should be considered.

The property owners will need to re-apply for resource consent approval and the Council will cover the costs of the applications. The decision affects more than 400 property owners in Auckland who received resource consent approval for house additions or alterations between December 2016 and December 2017. This issue is unlikely to have any significant implications for housing delivery. The majority of the resource consent approvals are for additions or alterations to existing houses, rather than for new houses.

## 3. Briefing notes

3 September – 28 September

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Due to your office
Compliance Oversight Unit - approach and location	MfE	As requested, sets out how the Unit will monitor council compliance, monitoring and enforcement activities and take action to address issues (including through use of prosecutions), and advice on whether the Unit is best located at the Ministry or the EPA.	4 September
Background material for the Marine Ministers meeting on 10 September 2018	MfE	Agenda and background information for the Marine Ministers meeting on 10 September covering the Sea Change Cabinet Paper, international reporting for MPAs and MPA reform.	6 September
Establishing a national urban development authority	MBIE	Advice on the UDA entity form to inform discussion at your meeting on 13 September with Ministers Twyford, Mahuta, Jones and Sage.	6 September
Essential Freshwater: Proposed amendments for the NPSFM to assist with setting limits	MfE	Discusses the suite of proposed amendments designed to assist councils to set limits on resource use in plans.	7 September
Urban Growth Agenda: Spatial Planning Framework – approach and next steps	MfE	Advice on the benefits of good practice spatial planning and the current issues and barriers to fully achieving those benefits through existing spatial planning processes in New Zealand.	10 September
Urban Growth Agenda: Scope of the Legislative	MfE and MBIE	Provides options for the approach to legislative reform under the Urban Growth Agenda and seeks direction on	28 September

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Due to your office
Reform pillar		your preference for the nature and scope of possible reform.	
Reclassifying five organisms as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996	MfE	Briefing advising on Cabinet Paper proposing that five organisms be reclassified as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996	5 September
National Security System: Improving the Management of National Security Risks	MfE	Briefing advising on the New Zealand National Risk Report in advance of the Ministerial round table to discuss the draft report on 6 September.	4 September

#### 4. Cabinet material

3 September – 28 September

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2018	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	Seeks agreement to a narrowly scoped RMA Amendment Bill to be progressed in 2018 as stage one of a two stage approach to RMA Reform.	<b>Due to lodge</b> 6 September <b>Due to ENV Committee</b> 11 September <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 17 September
Reclassifying five organisms as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	Paper proposing that five organisms be reclassified as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996	<b>Due to lodge:</b> 20 September <b>Due to ENV Committee:</b> 25 September <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 1 October
Urban Development Legislation: Entity form	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee	This paper outlines how the new entity will operate, what form it will take, how it will be held accountable and other organisational issues.	<b>Due to lodge:</b> 1 November <b>Due to DEV Committee:</b> 7 November <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 12 November

## 5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
Official Information and Methamphetamine Test Records	Department of Internal Affairs	Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee	This paper seeks agreement to the development of guidance to assist local authorities to take a consistent approach to disclosing information relating to low level methamphetamine contamination on Land Information Memoranda (LIMs, issued under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act). The guidance is proposed in order to address concerns that disclosure of such information on LIMs may adversely affect the value of affected properties, even though the contamination is at levels which would not result in adverse health effects. The Ministry is supportive of this proposal.
Public release of proposed National Disaster Resilience Strategy	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	Paper seeks agreement to the release for public consultation of a proposed national civil defence emergency management strategy to be called 'National Disaster Resilience Strategy'. MfE gave feedback on minor changes to report and supports release.
National Security System: Improving the Management of National Security Risks	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cabinet National Security Committee	Paper seeks Cabinet approval for public release of the New Zealand National Risk Report and an appropriate launch event to be confirmed. MfE gave feedback to improve text outlining the environmental risks in report and how risk coordinating agency's had been selected. MfE supports release of this report.
How Research, Science and Innovation will achieve Government Strategic Priorities	Office of the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	Paper seeks Cabinet's agreement to develop a strategy which outlines how the Research, Science and Innovation portfolio will achieve Government's economic, environmental and social and well-being objectives. MfE supports the scoping and framework of such a strategy as a basis for targeted consultation.

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## 6. Official Information Act requests

### 6.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
Copy of Overseer and Managing Diffuse Agricultural Pollution, 26 March as per his reply to written question 14417 (2018)	s 9(2)(a) National Party	18-O-01773	28 August	4 September
Copy of National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry: Further advice on minor and technical matters, 23 March as per his reply to written question 14417 (2018)				
Copy of Opportunities to build climate resilience and transition to a net zero economy through built and urban policies, 21 March as per his reply to written question 14417 (2018)				
Cabinet paper on All-of-Government Programme required to manage the response to Per-and Poly-Fluorinated Alkyl substances, 21 May per his reply to written question 14403 (2018)				
Cabinet paper on Sustainable Economy Strategic Discussion, 25 June as per his reply to written question 14415 (2018)				
Copy of Freshwater: resolving NPS FM science difference, 24 April as per his reply to written question 14419 (2018)				
Copy of Genetic Technology – Overview and Next Steps, 7 June as per his reply to written question 14429 (2018)				

### 6.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
Philip Joseph Property Rights and Environmental Regulation under the Resource Management Act 1991, commissioned by the Ministry for the Environment, December 1999.	s 9(2)(a) Student	18-D-01758	4 September
RNZ requests DF release to it all the weekly AOG PFAS situation updates for the months of June, July and to the present in August	s 9(2)(a) RadioNZ	18-D-01775	6 September

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
<p>I note on your website, Te Kakapa Manawa o Muaupoko is listed as having \$972,000, but the response to my OIA only adds up to 314,816.65 (GST excl).</p> <p>Please provide documents that reflect whether further money was paid to another on behalf of Muaupoko or Horowhenua 11 Part Reservation Trust.</p> <p>Please provide documents that reflect the reason why the full figure of \$972,000 was not paid to Horowhenua 11 Part Reservation Trust.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p> <p>Lyall &amp; Thornton Barristers and Solicitors</p>	18-D-01776	6 September
<p>Section 70B of the RMA 1991 provides as follows:</p> <p>70B Implementation of national environmental standards If a national environmental standard is made to control the effects on climate change of the discharge into air of greenhouse gases, a regional council may make rules that are necessary to implement the standard, provided the rules are no more or less restrictive than the standard.</p> <p>Could you please provide all documents relating to the development of a national environmental standard under this provision.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p> <p>FYI Request</p>	18-D-01788	10 September
<p>TAXING WATER FOR EXPORT - May 2016</p> <p>Ref: Article in the Press July 19th 2018.</p> <p>Under the Official Information Act could you please forward a copy of following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the terms of reference for this "group of experts "</li> <li>• The membership of this Committee.</li> <li>• The number of meetings this group met. Mr Cagill is reported as saying the committee met between 6 and 12 times.</li> <li>• The remuneration for each member attending meetings was \$500. Please advise me of the total remuneration for the Committee. In addition to this \$500 fee were committee members paid expenses (travel and accommodation) and if so what was the total amount.</li> <li>• After 8 months of deliberations and meetings the Committee did not furnish a report to your Government. Could you advise me the reason for the failure to report?</li> </ul>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p>	18-D-01789	11 September

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For the week starting 10 September 2018

### Environment weekly meeting 9.00 am – 9.30am, Monday 10 September

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment

Allan Freeth, Chief Executive, Environmental Protection Authority

Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water and Climate Change

Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Natural and Built System

James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers

Natasha Lewis, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Stewardship

Glenn Wigley, Director, Natural and Built System

Jo Gascoigne, Director, Natural and Built System

Lorena Stephen, Director, Natural and Built System

Michael Berardozzi, Team Leader, Hazardous Substances Applications, Environmental Protection Authority

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4.	Upcoming marine ministers meeting	Glenn Wigley	Verbal update	5
5.	Sustainable Solvents	Allan Freeth	Verbal update	10

## Upcoming meetings

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<b>10 September</b>	11.00am	MfE officials
	11.45am	ENV pre-meet with officials
	3.15pm	Marine Ministers meeting
<b>11 September</b>	5.00pm	ENV Cabinet Committee
<b>12 September</b>	5.00pm	Minister Sage regular meeting
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	11.30am	Minister Twyford, MfE and MBIE officials on spatial planning and light rail
	4.00pm	Three waters Ministers meeting
<b>14 September</b>	7.00am	Minister Twyford, Mayo, Goff and Councillors Darby and Cashmore on Auckland housing issues
<b>18 September</b>	8.15am	MfE officials
	4.30pm	Minister Sage regular meeting
<b>19 September</b>	8.00am	Meeting on Urban Growth Agenda with Ministers Twyford, Genter, Mahuta, Jones
<b>24 September</b>	11.00am	MfE officials
<b>25 September</b>	8.30am	Meeting on methyl bromide with Ministers Sage, O'Connor, Jones and Fletcher Tabuteau
<b>26 September</b>	8.15am	MfE policy meeting
	9.00am	Meeting with industry representatives on implementation of the Kigali Amendment
	10.30am	Meeting with Irrigation NZ on freshwater management
	3.30pm	Meeting with Ministers Twyford and O'Connor on NPS high class soils and versatile land
	5.30pm	Meeting with Minister O'Connor and Federated Farmers new CE

## Upcoming Events

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<b>20 September</b>	TBC	Essential Freshwater Agenda launch
<b>21 September</b>	9.00am	RMLA Conference speech
	1.05pm	Visit to Aparima catchment, Southland

## 1. Progress towards Government's strategic priorities

### 1.1. Climate Change

#### *ETS Consultation*

Consultation meetings are now underway on improvements to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS). There have been 5 meetings held so far (Wellington, Auckland, Rotorua, Christchurch and Dunedin) with a total audience of approximately 350 stakeholders. Further meetings are scheduled for the week beginning 10 September in Whangarei, Napier, Gisborne, New Plymouth and Nelson. In total, approximately 530 people have either attended or are registered to attend a stakeholder meeting. Submissions close on 21 September.

#### *Zero Carbon Bill*

The initial results from the second round of economic modelling have been received and the implications for the target options and emission budgets is being analysed. The Summary of Submissions document is now being finalised. This provides a summary of the submissions received on the discussion document and at consultation events. It also contains details of responses for each question raised in the discussion document. Publication of this document is currently on track for mid-September.

### 1.2. Urban

A three day workshop on the Hamilton-Auckland Corridor Plan involving officials from central government and councils took place in Tuakau between 27 and 29 August. The workshop established key principles for the plan and opportunities for collaboration and co-investment, including promoting transit orientated development, improving public transport links between towns and cities, and protecting versatile soils and significant ecological areas. A report on the corridor plan will be presented to Urban Growth Agenda (UGA) Ministers on 19 September, as part of an update on spatial planning.

The corridor plan's development is informing our work under the Urban Planning Pillar of the UGA to better understand the barriers to fully achieving the benefits of good spatial planning in New Zealand more broadly. We will provide you with a briefing on this work in advance of a meeting with Minister Twyford on 13 September. This work will also be discussed at the UGA Ministers meeting on 19 September.

We have provided you and Minister Twyford with our latest fact sheet analysing aspects of the Auckland Unitary Plan. This fact sheet is on 'overlays'. The fact sheets are informing our work on quality intensification under the Urban Planning Pillar and meetings with key stakeholders such as Auckland Council officials, Panuku Development Auckland, and Housing NZ Corporation.

Your next meeting on the Urban Development Authority entity form is on 13 September with Ministers Twyford, Mahuta, Jones and Sage. Minister Twyford has forwarded you advice for this meeting from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on behalf of the inter-departmental group.

### 1.3. Water

Preparations for Essential Freshwater launch continues. Further work is underway to finalise members of Kahui Wai Māori and the Freshwater Leaders Group. You will receive this week the first of a series of briefings to help you make decisions on the regulatory package that is proposed for public release in March 2019. The briefing will cover our response to recommendations from the Land and Water Forum, Fish and Game and regional councils.

#### *Water Quality Modelling*

We have just completed research that models changes in land use intensification and changes in water quality. To date, we have been able to link changes in percentage pasture cover in a catchment with trends in water quality. However, until now we have not been able to say how more intensive use of pasture would affect water quality. For most water quality attributes intensification negatively affects water quality, including worsening N, P, and E.coli. The new research not only adds to the evidence base for taking action, but it will allow us to model such things as: the level of improvement we can expect from certain policy interventions across catchments, where to plant forests to get the best water quality improvements, and whether applying good practice is likely to achieve desired outcomes in a catchments or whether structural change in land uses would be needed. We will provide more detail on this research in the near future.

## 2. Actions and decisions

### 2.1. s 9(2)(ba)(i)

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## 2.2. World Wildlife Fund - Earth Hour 2019

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Chief Executive Livia Esterhazy approached us to inform us about their intention to re-establish Earth Hour in New Zealand in 2019. New Zealand is the first (non-Pacific Island) country to switch-off. Earth Hour 2019 will take place at 8.30pm on Saturday 30 March 2019

The theme for 2019 is climate change and sustainable living. This timing will likely be during the parliamentary process for the Zero Carbon Bill.

WWF will be appointing an advertising agency to run a campaign in New Zealand. They are approaching corporate NZ for support, e.g. Sky City has expressed interest

They are looking for (non-financial) support from us and our Ministers. This could look like: media, social media, 'switching off the lights on the Beehive'. This is an opportunity to have a mainstream environmental conversation with New Zealand.

We are approaching all Environment portfolio Ministers and the Minister for Climate Change James Shaw, given the portfolio relevance.

*Would you like us to express interest in the campaign to WWF and work with your office on how you might support the campaign, depending on how it emerges?*

Yes/No

## 3. Updates for noting

### 3.1. s 9(2)(j)

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### 3.2. Marlborough Integrated Consenting Portal

Marlborough District Council presented their newly developed e-planning resource consent digital portal (app) to officials on 29 August. Once the app becomes fully live, applicants will be guided through how to apply for a resource consent using a web-based form, which will be able to respond to the proposal, prompting the correct information requirements. Once a resource consent is lodged, it will be readily accessible for all stakeholders including the public, iwi, resource users as well as all levels of government to view and track its progress in 'real time' from the day it is lodged through to monitoring and enforcement.

The app is also intended to easily allow resource consent data to be directly fed into the National Monitoring System (and other data gathering requirements), without putting too much onerous work on the council.

### **3.3. Ministry for the Environment Sustainability Strategy**

We have developed a strategy outlining how we are taking action to ensure we operate our organisation in a sustainable way; by being a great place to work, leading by example, being a strong voice for the environment and being financially fit so we can achieve our outcomes. We recognise that we are behind a number of corporates in New Zealand, and we need to re-establish ourselves as sustainability leaders in the public service. This is an important step forwards for both us and our stakeholders.

This strategy complements our wider organisational strategy and work programme, building upon what we do ourselves as an organisation. The strategy is accompanied by our Sustainability Commitment and Environmental Commitment that set our vision for how we manage our organisation's sustainability and an action plan to ensure we deliver on our targets by July 2020 (and beyond). One target within the strategy is to measure and report our carbon footprint, ensuring it is externally verified. We have just finalised our emissions inventory and had it externally certified under the Certified Emissions Management and Reduction Scheme through EnviroMark. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) is the only other central Government agency to have this certification. We plan to share our carbon footprint on our website as soon as the certification is finalised in the next few weeks, alongside our strategy.

We have shared our experience and offered help to other agencies who also wish to undertake certification. A notable improvement in our footprint has been our investment in Environment House with a more open layout, more energy efficient lighting, and laptops after the 2016 earthquakes. This has seen our annual energy spend decrease significantly.

We, along with Ministry of Defence, convened an All of Government Sustainability Group that had its inaugural meeting on 15 August with representatives from;

- MBIE
- EECA
- Environmental Protection Authority
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board
- Ministry of Transport.

Representatives from Corrections, Housing NZ and MPI were also scheduled to attend. The group discussed what agencies are currently doing (we appear to be leading) and how we can support one another through sharing intel and products. We also discussed sustainable procurement and how we could better support and drive this, which is being led out of MBIE.

Please find attached (appendix 1) our Sustainability Strategy on a page along with our Environmental and Sustainability Commitments. If you would like further information please ask James Walker.

### **3.4. Policy Package for Agriculture Sector under development (including Feedlots)**

Policy options are being developed to address water quality impacts from agricultural activities, including land use intensification and risky activities (such as feedlots, intensive winter grazing and hill country cropping). Options being considered include the use of farm plans, regulated performance standards for particular risky activities, and stock exclusion from waterways, potentially within a National Environmental Standard.

We will brief you on these options as part of the suite of papers to be provided in September – October this year, prior to discussions with Kahui Wai Māori and the Freshwater Leaders Group.

### **3.5. Visit to the Five Star Feedlot**

We are working with Environment Canterbury and ANZCO Foods to arrange a visit to the Five Star Beef feedlot in Ashburton and expect to visit the site on 25 September. The visit has been delayed due to an M-Bovis testing programme on site and ANZCO staff availability. We will brief you on our findings after the visit.

### **3.6. Provincial Growth Fund: Investment in water storage**

We have been consulted on a draft Cabinet paper titled 'Provincial Growth Fund: Investment in water storage'. We support the paper and the principles proposed to apply for Provincial Growth Fund investment into water storage projects. These principles include: addressing disparities in Māori access to water for land development consistent with the new Crown-Māori Freshwater approach; and not increasing, and ideally reversing, negative impacts on water quality.

The draft paper recognises the newly agreed approach to the Crown-Māori relationship for freshwater and notes that the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) and MPI will explore opportunities for water storage to benefit Māori land owners. We have commented that this work should include the Essential Freshwater Taskforce, since there may be lessons or implications from the catchment-level water storage work that apply to addressing Māori rights and interest in freshwater more broadly.

We have also commented that you should be consulted in your capacity as Minister for the Environment, before water storage proposals are approved, since environmental considerations are a key part of the principles to apply to water storage investment by the Government. This would be in addition to consultation with the regional development Ministers.

### **3.7. At-risk Catchments Project**

This project has progressed significantly in recent weeks. We have contacted regional councils, unitary authorities, and key industry and NGO stakeholders to solicit information on at-risk catchments. Preliminary engagement with iwi representative groups is also underway. Regional councils and others are positively engaging in the project. A preliminary list of at-risk catchments will be prepared by the end of September. By the end of 2018, advice will be provided on proposed actions and priority catchments.

A steering group for the project is now in place, comprising representatives of the project's partner agencies; MfE, Department of Conservation (DOC) and MPI, and a regional council representative.

This group is meeting weekly. Phase I of the project will identify at-risk catchments in which action is required, and the 'fast leader' catchments in which particularly rapid and resource-efficient improvements in the health of waterways are considered possible. Phase I will also look at what regulatory interventions are required. Phase II will involve implementing catchment-specific interventions.

**3.8. Environment Committee examination of the Kigali Amendment to phase down HFCs**

As noted in last week's update, MfE officials appeared in front of the Environment Committee on 6 September as witnesses on your behalf. This was part of parliamentary treaty examination of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol. Officials spoke to the presentation shared with your office and answered questions from the Committee related to health and safety of alternatives, the ambitious nature of New Zealand's phase-down and pre-charged equipment (which are outside of the Amendment's scope).

Officials' presentation was followed by submissions from several industry groups including IRHACE, Temperzone, Chemiplas and Refrigerant Recovery (note you are scheduled to meet with some of these stakeholders later this month). Industry submissions noted that, while they supported New Zealand's ratification of the Kigali Amendment, they had concerns around health and safety, the importation of HFCs in pre-charged equipment and the likely future servicing requirements of such equipment. Some submitters also had concerns around the allocation of permits to import HFCs and transition timeframes. The Committee has requested that we submit further evidence on these and related questions. We will provide a copy of the information to your office in advance of sending it to the Committee.

**3.9. Tax Working Group Environmental taxes presentation**

You, and other Ministers interested in environmental issues have been invited to a presentation on Monday 10 September by the Tax Working Group (TWG) Secretariat. This presentation will provide a summary of the key draft findings of the TWG on environmental taxes. It provides a new framework for considering proposed environmental taxes, specific taxes to be considered in the short- and medium-term, some areas for longer-term work, tax concessions, and the use of tax revenue. Specific environmental issues that the paper covers include waste, greenhouse gases, congestion, water takes and water pollution. The draft report is scheduled to be discussed at Cabinet on 17 September before being publicly released. The final report is due in February 2019. Ministry officials have been working with the TWG Secretariat and Steering Group, and are happy to meet with you or provide you with further comment on any of the issues raised in the presentation.

**3.10. s 9(2)(f)(iv)**

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## 4. Briefing notes

10 September – 5 October

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Due to your office
Urban Growth Agenda: Spatial Planning Framework – approach and next steps	MfE	Advice on the benefits of good practice spatial planning and the current issues and barriers to fully achieving those benefits through existing spatial planning processes in New Zealand.	10 September
Options to deliver light rail consents in Auckland by September 2020	MfE	Advice on consenting options and their ability and risks to deliver light rail in Auckland in a timely manner, and the preference of the MoT and the New Zealand Transport Agency for special legislation to make light rail a controlled activity.	11 September
Fiordland Marine Guardians - Ministers Meeting	MfE	Prepares and supports you at your meeting with the Fiordland Marine Guardians on 13 September.	11 September
Streamlined Planning Process - Decision on Proposed Change four Bay of Plenty Regional Council Policy Statement - Stage 3	MfE	Provides you with advice to assist in your decision-making on Proposed Change four to the Regional Policy Statement, which has been developed through the Streamlined Planning Process, as directed by you.	14 September
Update on stakeholder input - Fish & Game, Land and Water Forum (LAWF) and Local Government NZ (LGNZ)	MfE	Update on stakeholder input from Fish & Game, LAWF and LGNZ and how these recommendations are being progressed through the Essential Freshwater program of work	14 September
Briefing note for UGA Ministers meeting 19 September	MfE	Provides an update on progress in the UGA, key questions and decision points for the meeting of UGA Ministers on 19 September	14 September
Draft annual report 2017/18 for your information	MfE	Draft annual report supplied for your information and any feedback.	16 September
Environmental Legal Assistance Criteria Changes	MfE	Provides an overview of the recent criteria changes to the Environmental Legal Assistance fund.	21 September
Essential Freshwater: Proposed amendments or the NPSFM to assist with setting limits	MfE	Discusses the suite of proposed amendments designed to assist councils to set limits on resource use in plans.	21 September
Meeting Note Irrigation NZ	MfE	Prepares you for your meeting with Irrigation NZ on 26 September.	24 September
Urban Growth Agenda: Scope of the Legislative Reform pillar	MfE and MBIE	Provides options for the approach to legislative reform under the Urban Growth Agenda and seeks direction on your preference for the nature and scope of possible reform.	28 September
National Planning Standards - zone framework and spatial planning tools standards	MfE	Provides update and advice on two draft planning standards following formal public consultation	5 October

## 5. Cabinet material

10 September – 5 October

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
Options for a royalty on bottled water	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	<b>Due to you for Ministerial consultation:</b> 14 September
Reclassifying five organisms as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	Paper proposing that five organisms be reclassified as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996	<b>Due to lodge:</b> 20 September <b>Due to ENV Committee:</b> 25 September <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 1 October
Essential Freshwater: Freshwater Leaders Group: Appointment of members	(APH) Appointments and Honours, Committee	Outlines your intention to appoint members of the Freshwater Leaders Group for a term of one year	<b>Due to lodge:</b> 21 September <b>Due to APH Committee:</b> 26 September <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 1 October
Essential Freshwater: Kahui Wai Māori: Appointment of Members	(APH) Appointments and Honours, Committee	Outlines your intention to appoint members of Kahui Wai Māori for a term of one year.	<b>Due to lodge:</b> 21 September <b>Due to APH Committee:</b> 26 September <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 1 October
Urban Development Legislation: Entity form	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee	This paper outlines how the new entity will operate, what form it will take, how it will be held accountable and other organisational issues.	<b>Due to lodge:</b> 1 November <b>Due to DEV Committee:</b> 7 November <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 12 November
Proposed Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2018	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee / (DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee	Seeks agreement to a narrowly scoped RMA Amendment Bill to be progressed in 2018 as stage one of a two stage approach to RMA Reform.	<b>Due to lodge:</b> TBC

## 6. Official Information Act requests

### 6.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
Official advice to the Minister from the Ministry for the Environment, other government departments, and local councils, and any information presented by Murray Valentine about the proposed dairy conversion.	s 9(2)(a)	18-O-01839	6 September	13 September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the PFAS weekly briefing / update dated May 18, May 28, June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29</li> <li>Update on proposed Ohakea water scheme (11/06/18)</li> <li>genetic technology - overview and next steps (07/06)</li> <li>May 10 - request to undertake public consultation on the regulatory matters to ratify the Minamata convention</li> <li>18 May - the 2017 report on the enforcement of the Hazardous substances and new organisms act</li> <li>the briefing on ministers meeting with Te Ohu Kaimoana Trustee LTD and Te Wa Maori trust</li> <li>13 June - litigation on the interface of the resource management act 1991 and the fisheries act 1996</li> <li>EEZ amendment - information for second reading and committee (29 June)</li> </ul> <p>"- a list of all reports and briefings, by title and date, received from any government</p>	s 9(2)(a) Stuff	18-O-01725 / 18-O-01726 / 18-O-01727	17 September	1 October

### 6.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
<p>Section 70B of the RMA 1991 provides as follows:</p> <p>70B Implementation of national environmental standards If a national environmental standard is made to control the effects on climate change of the discharge into air of greenhouse gases, a regional council may make rules that are necessary to implement the standard, provided the rules are no more or less restrictive than the standard.</p> <p>Could you please provide all documents relating to the development of a national environmental standard under this provision.</p>	s 9(2)(a) FYI Request	18-D-01788	10 September

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
<p>TAXING WATER FOR EXPORT - May 2016</p> <p>Ref: Article in the Press July 19th 2018.</p> <p>Under the Official Information Act could you please forward a copy of following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the terms of reference for this "group of experts."</li> <li>• The membership of this Committee.</li> <li>• The number of meetings this group met. Mr Cagill is reported as saying the committee met between 6 and 12 times.</li> <li>• The remuneration for each member attending meetings was \$500. Please advise me of the total remuneration for the Committee. In addition to this \$500 fee were committee members paid expenses (travel and accommodation) and if so what was the total amount.</li> <li>• After 8 months of deliberations and meetings the Committee did not furnish a report to your Government. Could you advise me the reason for the failure to report?</li> </ul>	s 9(2)(a)	18-D-01789	11 September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Any documents relating to advice, verbal or written, that the Ministry for the Environment has received on the proposed Kahui Wai Maori forum by date.</li> <li>•Any documents relating to any cabinet papers or other advice, verbal or written provided by the Ministry for the Environment in relation to the proposed Kahui Wai Maori Forum</li> </ul>	s 9(2)(a) National Party	18-D-01840	18 September
<p>Could I also please have a copy of any documents or emails provided to any Minister, Ministers' office or other government department by MfE that contain information or advice in relation to where in New Zealand forest may be planted under government forest planting policies or as a result of government climate change policies, if such documents and emails exist.</p> <p>Could I also please have a copy of any documents or emails provided to any Minister or Ministers' office or other government department that contain information or advice in relation to the feasibility of planting large amounts of New Zealand in forest either as part of a government forest planting programme or to support the achievement of government greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, if such documents and emails exist.</p> <p>Could I also please have a copy of any analysis, research, excel workbooks, either received or produced by MfE, that contains information on the economic impacts (including job creation or destruction) of shifting land use into forest.</p> <p>Could I also please have a copy of any documents or emails provided to any Minister, Minister's office or other government department that contains information on the economic impacts (including job creation or destruction) of shifting land use into forestry.</p> <p>Could I have please a copy of information provided to any Minister, Minister's office or other government department that considers policy options for driving large levels of land use conversion into forestry, including as a part of a Billion Trees Programme or as part of a policy to reduce New Zealand's net greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	s 9(2)(a) National Party	18-D-01858	21 September

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
<p>The parameters of any such correspondence are as follows:            Occurring during the period between 1 July 2018 and today (28 August 2018).            Sender being any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Toro Waaka or</li> <li>- by or on behalf of tāngata whenua members of the Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee or</li> <li>- by or on behalf of Treaty settlement entities in the Hawke's Bay region (individually or collectively).</li> </ul> <p>Plus any correspondence in return from the Minister or the Ministry to any of the above.</p> <p>Plus any briefing papers or advice in writing from officials to the Minister regarding any correspondence referred above.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)            Hawkes Bay            Regional Council</p>	<p>18-D-01907</p>	<p>25 September</p>
<p>Questionnaire</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe your role in pest management in NZ?</li> <li>2. Under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act what focus is there from your department on pest welfare?</li> <li>3. Have there been any changes to your practices due to the AWA 2015? If so, what are these?</li> <li>4. Where can I find your policies and procedures?</li> <li>5. How often or in what situations are your regulations, practices and policies updated?</li> <li>6. How do you make these policies and procedures? I.e. where does your legislative/ delegated authority come from?</li> </ol> <p>We would be grateful to receive any links, material or resources that may be useful and your response by email. We are also happy to speak via telephone or meet with you to clarify our understanding.</p>	<p>Law Reform            Team            Wellington            Community Justice            Project</p>	<p>18-D-01908</p>	<p>25 September</p>

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# Our Sustainability Commitment



*Aotearoa – he whenua mana kura mō te tangata*

Our goal is that Aotearoa New Zealand is the most liveable place in the world. For this to be realised, and for New Zealand to prosper, our environment must prosper. We need to care for our natural resources and put the environment at the heart of our decision making. A thriving environment underpins our economic prosperity; it contributes to our health and our physical well-being and is central to what it means to be a Kiwi.

Sustainability for us at the Ministry for the Environment means operating within our baseline, minimising our environmental footprint and providing our people what they need to thrive. We connect, engage, influence and mobilise action across New Zealand to care for, manage and invest in our natural resources wisely, so our environment thrives along with our economy and people.

We do this every day by living our Strategy on a Page and:

- Using our diversity as our strength – “He rau mano, he rau kotahi tangata” Embracing our multiple talents;
- Growing our people so they can be effective leaders, challenging and empowering others to improve environmental outcomes;
- Reducing our environmental footprint, leading by example and sharing best practice. We want to be a carbon neutral and zero waste Ministry;
- Advising with impact by providing New Zealanders with the best information at the right time to enable informed and sustainable decisions;
- Connecting others with an interest in better environmental outcomes to find solutions;
- Remaining financially sustainable by operating within our baseline; and
- Managing our funds for greatest environmental benefit and in-line with our outcomes.

We report on our performance and progress to our people and stakeholders on our intranet and in our Annual Report.

# Ministry for the Environment Sustainability Strategy

Our purpose: Aotearoa - he whenua mana kura mō te tangata - Aotearoa New Zealand is the most liveable place in the world

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## Our People

Being an awesome place to work



## Our Environment

Leading by example



Being a strong voice for the environment



## Our Finances & Transparency

Being financially fit so we can achieve our outcomes



### Our longer term Goals

- Using our diversity as our strength – “He rau mano, he rau kotahi tangata” Embracing our multiple talents
- Growing our people so they can be effective leaders, challenging and empowering others to improve environmental outcomes

- Reducing our environmental footprint, leading by example and sharing best practice
- We want to be carbon neutral by reducing and then offsetting our emissions and be a zero waste ministry

- Advising with impact by providing New Zealanders with the best information at the right time to enable informed and sustainable decisions
- We lead by connecting others with an interest in better environmental outcomes to find solutions

- Remain financially sustainable by operating within our baseline
- Reporting on our performance and progress to our people and stakeholders on our intranet and in our Annual Report
- Managing our funds for greatest environmental benefit/impact and in-line with our priorities

### Our Targets by July 1st 2020

- Develop and launch our Te Ao Māori Strategy
- Achieve Rainbow Tick Certification
- No gender pay gap
- Staff volunteering day available for all staff annually
- Diversity and Inclusion Policy and programme enacted

- Measure and report our carbon footprint and have it externally verified
- Reduce our waste to landfill by 50%
- Sustainability criteria added into the funds we administer
- Reduce our total energy use (kWh) in Environment House by 10% per m<sup>2</sup>
- Reduce our travel emissions by 20%

- Policy Plus - Sustainability is at the forefront of our minds and is woven into our everyday actions, advice and outcomes
- Building our voice – engagement, reputation and brand measurement scores consistently over 75%
- Use our state of the environment synthesis report EA2019 to lead action on sustainability managing our natural assets

- 100% of OIAs consistently delivered within statutory timeframes
- Measure and Report on our financial as well as non-financial results via our Annual Report and intranet
- Sustainable procurement principles incorporated into all contracts. We help lead this for Government to progress our outcomes

# Our Environmental Commitment



*Aotearoa – he whenua mana kura mō te tangata*

Our goal is that Aotearoa New Zealand is the most liveable place in the world.

To make New Zealand the most liveable place in the world, our environment must prosper. We need to care for and invest in our natural resources, understanding the consequences of our decisions, and make wise choices that will benefit future generations.

We need everyone to play a part. And that starts with us. At MfE we are a team of people passionate about the environment and the role we play. We take action, lead and help others succeed. We connect, engage, influence and mobilise action across New Zealand to care for, manage and invest in our natural resources wisely, so our environment thrives along with our economy and people. We can influence others environmental performance through our policy advice, environmental improvement funding, best practice advice and procurement.

As environmental stewards, we take every opportunity to reduce and minimise our environmental impact in our day to day work. This means that as well as complying with all relevant legislation and standards, we will:

- Continue to provide informed policy advice that leads to sustainable management of our natural assets.
- Monitor our environmental performance, setting and reviewing clear objectives and targets at least annually to ensure we are continually improving.
- Measure our carbon footprint, proactively seeking to reduce it, and reporting publically on our progress.
- Reduce our consumption of non-renewable resources and the waste we generate, thereby preventing any unnecessary pollution.
- Guide our staff to reduce impact of air and land travel.
- Raise our awareness of environmental issues associated with our organisation and monitoring new technologies or practices that may assist us to approve our environmental performance and demonstrate leadership for others.
- Consider the environmental credentials of products and services in our procurement decisions (in accordance with our Procurement Policy).
- Encourage our stakeholders within central government and beyond to minimise their environmental footprint.

## Weekly Update – Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

For the week starting 17 September 2018

### Environment weekly meeting 8.15am – 9.00am, Tuesday 18 September

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment

Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water and Climate Change

Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Natural and Built System

Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance

James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers

Natasha Lewis, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Stewardship and Strategy

Martin Workman, Director, Water

	Agenda Item	Lead	Paper / verbal update	Mins
1.	Discuss Weekly Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	10
2.	Water update	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	20
3.	Update on process for drafting NPS – Freshwater Management	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	10
4.	Ministerial - Rotorua Lakes Programme	Cheryl Barnes and James Walker	18-M-01518	5

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## Upcoming meetings

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<b>18 September</b>	8.15am	MfE officials
	4.30pm	Minister Sage regular meeting
<b>19 September</b>	8.00am	Meeting on Urban Growth Agenda with Ministers Twyford, Genter, Mahuta, Jones
<b>24 September</b>	11.00am	MfE officials
<b>25 September</b>	8.30am	Meeting on methyl bromide with Ministers Sage, O'Connor, Jones and Fletcher Tabuteau
<b>26 September</b>	8.15am	MfE policy meeting
	9.00am	Meeting with industry representatives on implementation of the Kigali Amendment
	10.30am	Meeting with Irrigation NZ on freshwater management
	3.30pm	Meeting with Ministers Twyford and O'Connor on NPS high class soils and versatile land
	5.30pm	Meeting with Minister O'Connor and Federated Farmers new CE

## Upcoming Events

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<b>1 or 2 October</b>	TBC	Essential Freshwater Agenda launch
<b>21 September</b>	9.00am	RMLA Conference speech
	1.00pm	Visit to Aparima catchment, Southland

# 1. Progress towards Government's strategic priorities

## 1.1. Climate Change

### *Zero Carbon Bill*

The results from the second round of economic modelling are being tested and the implications for the target options and emission budgets reviewed for inclusion in the final Cabinet Paper and Regulatory Impact Statement. A summary of the submissions received on the discussion document and at consultation events ("Summary of Submissions") is on track for publication in mid-September.

### *ETS Consultation*

Consultation on improvements to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) closes this Friday 21 September. Stakeholder meetings are now complete and discussions with NZ ETS stakeholders have been constructive and positive. Ten meetings were held around the country, as well as two online meetings to a total audience of approximately 570 stakeholders.

## 1.2. Urban

A meeting on the Queenstown Growth Partnership between central government agencies and council officials was held in Queenstown on 11 September.

The Growth Partnership will advance a spatial plan for the district, and the meeting confirmed expectations around objectives, project structure and delivery, workstreams and responsibilities. The project will both inform and be informed by work that is progressing under the spatial plan workstreams in the Urban Growth Agenda. There are also strong linkages between the Growth Partnership and the Future Development Strategy that the council is progressing under the National Policy Statement – Urban Development Capacity.

## 1.3.

s 9(2)  
(f)(iv)

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## 1.4. At Risk Catchments Project

Progress on this project continues apace. Thirteen councils have now nominated catchments and the project team is following up on nominations with the remaining three. Catchment nominations from iwi and stakeholder groups are due by the end of September.

We have started analysing the catchment information received to date. This analysis includes developing criteria for assessing the state of catchments (i.e. pressures and level of degradation) and documenting the management actions in place and planned to address degradation. A series of one-on-one engagements with Councils is planned to work through our initial conclusions, once preliminary analyses are completed.

We will provide you with an update and preliminary list of at-risk catchments by the end of September.

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

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**1.6. Access to water for increasing Māori land productivity**

A key component of the Essential Freshwater work programme approved by Cabinet (Cabinet paper ‘Restoring our Freshwater and waterways’ refers) includes “enabling new users to access the rights to take water and discharge nutrients, including Māori landowners who own a disproportionately high percentage of under-developed land”.

We are working with the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and the Ministry of Primary Industries on a number of case studies to improve access to water for Māori landowners. The work will inform what potential changes are needed to the system for allocating water resources. The work will be discussed with Kahui Wai Māori.

**1.7. Freshwater Leader’s Group Membership**

There are currently fourteen people who have given a positive response to being nominated for appointment to this group. In discussions with some, the need for a balance between those with an agri-business background and those with a “community voice” has been stressed. Such a balance has been achieved.

The names of who are going into the appointment process are:

<b>Agri Business</b>	<b>Community voice</b>
John Penno - potential Chair: is seeking a conversation with you to clarify expectations of the group.	Bryce Johnson
Tom Lambie (Dairy & Councillor)	Gary Taylor
Allen Lim (Horticulture)	Hugh Logan
Mandy Bel (Deer farmer & veterinarian)	Alison Dewes
Nicola Shadbolt (Fonterra & academic)	Marnie Prickett
Corina Jordan (Beef & Lamb)	Traci Houpapa
Lees Seymour (Forestry)	Dr M Schallenberg (academic – lakes)

## 2. Actions and decisions

### 2.1. Essential Freshwater launch

You have received the final version of the launch documents. Other material for the launch – runsheet, draft invitation, draft slides for your presentation, and ‘back pocket’ questions and answers - have also been provided to your office for your feedback. We recommend sending the invitation two weeks before the event, to maximise the opportunity for people from outside Wellington to make arrangements to attend. For a launch on 1 or 2 October, this would require the date to be confirmed on Monday 17 September so invitations can be finalised and sent.

*Please indicate whether you are able to confirm the launch date on Monday 17 September.*

Yes/No

## 3. Updates for noting

### 3.1. Media coverage on copper brake pads and water quality

Recent media coverage describes local government’s desire to “cut copper brakes from mainstream use”. The leaching of copper particles into waterways via road and stormwater runoff can have significant effects on aquatic organisms and urban water quality. We understand Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council (and potentially others) intend to write to you requesting that central government phase out copper brake pads.

Phasing out copper brake pads would be a significant undertaking. More work is needed to identify the appropriate mechanisms (e.g. import controls, restricting sale of goods, economic incentives, etc) and their impacts. Other options include changes to the Freshwater NPS. However, in the absence of source controls there is a risk that councils will be required to invest in upgrades to their stormwater infrastructure, which would effectively allow vehicle owners to continue externalising the costs of pollution.

We are preparing advice on how to address the impact of copper (and zinc) as part of the Essential Freshwater work programme.

### 3.2. Ministerial - Rotorua Lakes Programme (Response to Steve Chadwick letter)

The Mayor of Rotorua Lakes Council, Steve Chadwick wrote to you regarding the Lake Rotorua catchment nutrient management plan change (Plan Change 10) and the Incentives Fund. This followed a meeting that you had with her earlier in the year. A proposed response was provided to you for your consideration, and you have asked to discuss the response further with officials. You asked to discuss the issues of locking in land-use and about decision making relating to the \$40 million incentive fund.

We also have concerns about allocation approaches locking in land-use, and consider flexibility in land-use decisions to be one of the most critical factors in the design of allocation systems that will enable catchments to meet environmental limits. There are two issues with locking in land-use. In the short-term, this relates to the two proposals to either use grandparenting with sector averaging or a land-use capability approach. This is an issue largely of who bears the costs of transferring to a system that will meet environmental limits. We do not see either of these approaches as ideal, and we intend

to look further at other approaches (including land characteristic-based approaches other than land-use capability that are closer related to leaching potential) and provide you with the pros and cons, and likely impacts of them. Regardless of which of these two approaches is chosen, we consider that the system to allow rights to move to higher value uses over time (for example efficient trading/transfer) is more important to avoid locking in land-use long-term and achieving environmental, and economic outcomes. We consider that, under either a grand-parenting or a natural capital based approach, efficient trading is needed to provide ongoing flexibility and allow innovation in the long-term.

Rotorua Lakes Council's fears of locking-in land-use appear to be based on concerns that people will be unable to purchase nutrients through the market, and therefore land will not be used to its full-potential. We consider that their suggestion to avoid locking in land-use by only allowing people to lease out nutrients below their land's natural capital level for a maximum of thirty years is likely to reduce the efficiency of trading and lead to greater economic disruption. For example, a land-user whose natural capital level is 18kgs could choose to use their land for forestry and lease out 15kgs for up to thirty years. At the end of the thirty years the nitrogen discharge allocation would return to the land. This could lead to significant business uncertainty for the lease of those nitrogen discharge allocation units, who may have to lease allowances from several different parties with several different durations. This uncertainty may lead to underinvestment in land.

While it would be possible to make changes to the Incentives Fund through the deed of funding, it is a significant investment by Government that would require Cabinet approval to amend or terminate. The Incentives Fund is an integral component of a wider integrated framework, which has been developed with all the project partners in order to achieve Lake Rotorua's Sustainable Nitrogen Target. Making changes to it could risk requiring the Bay of Plenty Regional Council to comprehensively redraft Plan Change 10, or risk the nitrogen reduction target for the lake not being reached.

These issues are discussed further in the briefing paper "Response to request for information on the Rotorua Lakes Incentives Fund" (2018-B-04515). We welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues with you further at the weekly meeting.

### **3.3. Sustainable Wealth Initiative – Update on Progress**

Key elements for the launch of the Sustainable Wealth Initiative on 19 October are progressing well, including development of a new name, brand, and public communication collateral. Work to establish the Trust and confirm its future funding is underway and on track.

To recall, the initiative's purpose is to bring together key government agencies, in their stewardship capacity, and key private sector corporates to set out a shared aspiration for improving New Zealand's natural capital. The work programme of the Trust, launched in October, will be around amplifying existing policy and private sector efforts, and working on collaborative projects in areas where there are gaps.

Under the biodiversity work stream, we held a workshop for key participants, which was led by the Department of Conservation Chief Executive Lou Sanson and Sir Rob Fenwick. The purpose of the workshop was to understand the work already underway by Government, Councils and other players, and identify gaps and opportunities. The

ideas generated are now being tested with the intention of identifying two or three actions that will be launched in October. We will share these with you shortly.

A similar workshop for the marine work stream next week, facilitated by Sir Rob Fenwick and Sanford Chief Executive Volker Kuntzsch. The purpose is the same as the biodiversity workshop.

So far, Ministers Robertson, Shaw, and Sage have agreed to attend the launch. You have indicated you will attend, depending on your travel plans.

#### **3.4. Environment Committee examination of the Kigali Amendment to phase down hydrofluorocarbons**

Following from last week's update, we appeared in front of the Environment Committee (the Committee) on 13 September as witnesses on your behalf. This was part of the Parliamentary Treaty Examination (PTE) of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol. Officials from MfE and MBIE presented the supplementary information that the Committee requested on 6 September, which we provided to your office on 10 September.

The presentation focussed on New Zealand's phase-down of hydrofluorocarbons, pre-charged equipment, and the work that MBIE is doing to address health and safety issues.

The Committee was satisfied with the supplementary information we provided, but still has concerns around the cost of the phase-down to New Zealand industry, and possible competitive disadvantages in relation to the import of pre-charged products. The Committee has requested further information on this in advance of next week's meeting. We note that you have also raised these concerns. We will provide a copy of the information to your office in advance of sending it to the Committee. The Committee's final report is due on 27 September which will conclude PTE.

#### **3.5. Decision on West Coast local government arrangements**

The Local Government Commission (the Commission) has presented its final proposal for local government organisation on the West Coast: the statutory obligations for district plans will be transferred from the three West Coast district councils to the West Coast Regional Council. These obligations will be delegated to a joint committee with membership from all four councils and local iwi, led by an independent chair. The committee will be responsible for preparing and approving the combined district plan for the West Coast. The combined district plan is able to be funded by way of a regional rate. A combined district plan is seen as offering advantages and efficiencies in terms of scale and resources.

The Commission has been exploring reorganisation options since August 2015, and during this time we have had discussions with the Commission and made a submission. We have assisted by providing information and helping the Commission understand the implications of various Ministry work programmes for the proposal – including the National Planning Standards. We can provide further help if requested.

#### **3.6. Horizons One Plan**

We have engaged an experienced Resource Management Act (RMA) planner to provide independent planning advice on the operation of the restricted discretionary consenting pathway in rules 14.2 and 14.4 of the Horizons One Plan for intensive land uses, with support provided by an independent RMA lawyer. The advice prepared will be used as the basis for a facilitated workshop between Horizons Regional Council,

New Zealand Fish and Game and the Environmental Defence Society. A timeline is being worked through with the final advice to be provided by mid-October.

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## 4. Briefing notes

17 September – 12 October

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Due to your office
Urban Development Legislation: Further advice on the Independent Hearings Panel process	MfE and MBIE	Provides you and Minister Twyford with advice on operational aspects of the Independent Hearings Panel (IHP). Seeks decisions on panel composition and appointment, mechanisms to ensure public participation, and how to meet the servicing requirements of the IHP.	20 September
Environmental Legal Assistance Criteria Changes	MfE	Provides an overview of the recent criteria changes to the Environmental Legal Assistance fund.	21 September
Essential Freshwater: Proposed amendments for the NPSFM to assist with setting limits	MfE	Discusses the suite of proposed amendments designed to assist councils to set limits on resource use in plans	21 September
Contaminant discharge allocation – options for instruments and timing	MfE	Provides you with advice on what instruments may need to be developed to fulfil your objectives with regard to allocating rights to discharge contaminants in over-allocated catchments, and options for when such instruments could be developed.	21 September
Setting the stage sediment policy package	MfE	Seeks your approval of our planned policy development package for sediment management.	21 September
Setting limits to achieve environmental flows	MfE	Proposals to clarify that councils must set environmental flows and limit resource use to achieve them, and align policy direction with NES on flows (which can include default regimes).	21 September
Next phase of work for NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity and complementary measures	MfE	The stakeholder-led Biodiversity Collaborative Group will deliver its recommendations 24 September. This briefing outlines the proposed programme of work for the coming nine months to progress these recommendations.	24 September
Meeting Note Irrigation NZ	MfE	Prepares you for your meeting with Irrigation NZ on 26 September.	24 September
Urban Growth Agenda: Scope of the Legislative Reform pillar	MfE and MBIE	Provides options for the approach to legislative reform under the Urban Growth Agenda and seeks direction on your preference for the nature and scope of possible reform.	26 September
Urban Growth Agenda: Options for recovering the full costs of growth infrastructure	MBIE	Provides advice on improving the ability to measure the marginal costs of growth infrastructure so that the true (direct and indirect costs) of growth are transparent and borne by the appropriate beneficiaries.	26 September
National Planning Standards – overview of submissions and upcoming briefings	MfE and DOC	Provides an overview of submissions received on the recent consultation and sets out the series of briefings you will receive over the coming months to prepare for gazettal in April 2019.	27 September

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Due to your office
Resolving exceptions to national bottom lines	MfE	Consider whether to populate Appendix 3 (significant infrastructure) and Appendix 4 allowing councils to set objectives below a national bottom lines, or implement alternative approaches (e.g no permanent exceptions).	28 September
Stricter requirements to maintain water quality	MfE	Changes that limit potential for declines in water quality (i.e. within bands), including changes recommended by the LAWF.	28 September
Timeframes for implementation	MfE	Bring forward deadline for NPSFM implementation (e.g 2022 as recommended by NZ Fish & Game), including for specific policies (e.g requiring accounting frameworks to be in place sooner).	5 October
Protecting outstanding waterbodies	MfE	Clarify regional council obligations (re Objective A2) and consider new tools to help identify them.	5 October
Protection of drinking water	MfE	Prioritise drinking water for protection (e.g as a compulsory value) and directly link policy direction to the NES for sources of human drinking water.	5 October
National Planning Standards - zone framework and spatial planning tools standards	MfE	Provides update and advice on two draft planning standards following formal public consultation.	5 October

## 5. Cabinet material

17 September – 12 October

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
Proposed Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2018	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	Seeks agreement to a narrowly scoped RMA Amendment Bill to be progressed in 2018 as stage one of a two stage approach to RMA Reform.	<b>Due to lodge:</b> 20 September <b>Due to ENV Committee:</b> 25 September <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 1 October
Fiordland Marine Guardians - Crown Appointments	(APH) Appointments and Honours, Committee	Will support you at Appointment and Honours Committee to make your recommendations to the Fiordland Marine Guardians. Appointing two new members and reappointing one member to the Guardians.	<b>Due to you:</b> 18 September <b>Due to lodge:</b> 20 September <b>Due to APH Committee:</b> 26 September <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 1 October

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
Listing Chemicals in the schedules of Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 and the Imports and Exports Order to comply with international obligations under the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	This paper proposes that New Zealand formally accept the listings by amending legislation and notifying the convention secretariat.	<b>Due to you:</b> 18 September <b>Due to lodge:</b> 20 September <b>Due to ENV Committee:</b> 25 September <b>Due to Cabinet</b> 1 October
Urban Development Legislation: Entity form	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee	This paper outlines how the new entity will operate, what form it will take, how it will be held accountable and other organisational issues.	<b>Due to lodge:</b> 1 November <b>Due to DEV Committee:</b> 7 November <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 12 November
Reclassifying five organisms as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	Paper proposing that five organisms be reclassified as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.	<b>Due to you:</b> TBC <b>Due for cross-party consultation:</b> TBC <b>Due for Ministerial consultation:</b> TBC <b>Due to lodge:</b> TBC <b>Due to ENV Committee:</b> TBC <b>Due to Cabinet</b> TBC
Essential Freshwater: Freshwater Leaders Group: Appointment of members Kahui Wai Māori: Appointment of Members	(APH) Appointments and Honours, Committee	Outlines your intention to appoint members of the Freshwater Leaders Group & Kahui Wai Māori for a term of one year.	<b>Due to you:</b> TBC <b>Due for cross-party consultation:</b> TBC <b>Due for Ministerial consultation:</b> TBC <b>Due to lodge:</b> TBC <b>Due to ENV Committee:</b> TBC <b>Due to Cabinet</b> TBC

## 6. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
Future State of Three Waters Regulation and Service Delivery	Department of Internal Affairs	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee	This paper seeks agreement on the scope and timeframes for decisions on potential changes to regulatory and service delivery arrangements for Three Waters infrastructure. We are working with DIA to determine the scope of the environmental regulation workstream and its alignment with our existing work programmes on Freshwater and the Resource Management System. Agency and Ministerial consultation will be undertaken following the Three Waters Ministerial strategy meeting on 13 September.

## 7. Official Information Act requests

### 7.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PFAS weekly briefing / update dated May 18, May 28, June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29</li> <li>Update on proposed Ohakea water scheme (11/06/18)</li> <li>genetic technology - overview and next steps (07/06)</li> <li>May 10 - request to undertake public consultation on the regulatory matters to ratify the Minamata convention</li> <li>18 May - the 2017 report on the enforcement of the Hazardous substances and new organ sms act</li> <li>the briefing on ministers meeting with Te Ohu Kaimoana Trustee LTD and Te Wa Maori trust</li> <li>13 June - litigation on the interface of the resource management act 1991 and the fisheries act 1996</li> <li>EEZ amendment - information for second reading and committee (29 June)</li> <li>A list of all reports and briefings, by title and date, received from any government</li> </ul>	s 9(2)(a) Stuff	18-O-01725 / 8-O-01726 / 18-O-01727	21 September	1 October

## 7.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any documents relating to advice, verbal or written, that the Ministry for the Environment has received on the proposed Kahui Wai Maori forum by date.</li> <li>Any documents relating to any cabinet papers or other advice, verbal or written provided by the Ministry for the Environment in relation to the proposed Kahui Wai Maori Forum</li> </ul>	s 9(2)(a) National Party	18-D-01840	18 September
<p>Could I also please have a copy of any documents or emails provided to any Minister, Ministers' office or other government department by MfE that contain information or advice in relation to where in New Zealand forest may be planted under government forest planting policies or as a result of government climate change policies, if such documents and emails exist.</p> <p>Could I also please have a copy of any documents or emails provided to any Minister or Ministers' office or other government department that contain information or advice in relation to the feasibility of planting large amounts of New Zealand in forest either as part of a government forest planting programme or to support the achievement of government greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, if such documents and emails exist.</p> <p>Could I also please have a copy of any analysis, research, excel workbooks, either received or produced by MfE that contains information on the economic impacts (including job creation or destruction) of shifting land use into forest</p> <p>Could I also please have a copy of any documents or emails provided to any Minister, Minister's office or other government department that contains information on the economic impacts (including job creation or destruction) of shifting land use into forestry.</p> <p>Could I have please a copy of information provided to any Minister, Minister's office or other government department that considers policy options for driving large levels of land use conversion into forestry including as a part of a Billion Trees Programme or as part of a policy to reduce New Zealand's net greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	s 9(2)(a) National Party	18-D-01858	21 September
<p>The parameters of any such correspondence are as follows: Occurring during the period between 1 July 2018 and today (28 August 2018). Sender being any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Toro Waaka or</li> <li>by or on behalf of tāngata whenua members of the Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee or</li> <li>by or on behalf of Treaty settlement entities in the Hawke's Bay region (individually or collectively).</li> </ul> <p>Plus any correspondence in return from the Minister or the Ministry to any of the above.</p> <p>Plus any briefing papers or advice in writing from officials to the Minister regarding any correspondence referred above.</p>	s 9(2)(a) Hawkes Bay Regional Council	18-D-01907	25 September

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
<p>Questionnaire</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe your role in pest management in NZ?</li> <li>2. Under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act what focus is there from your department on pest welfare?</li> <li>3. Have there been any changes to your practices due to the AWA 2015? If so, what are these?</li> <li>4. Where can I find your policies and procedures?</li> <li>5. How often or in what situations are your regulations, practices and policies updated?</li> <li>6. How do you make these policies and procedures? I.e. where does your legislative/ delegated authority come from?</li> </ol> <p>We would be grateful to receive any links, material or resources that may be useful and your response by email. We are also happy to speak via telephone or meet with you to clarify our understanding.</p>	<p><b>Law Reform Team</b></p> <p>Wellington Community Justice Project</p>	18-D-01908	25 September
<p>I'd like the results generated by the Contaminated Sites Remediation Prioritisation Tool, which MfE uses to allocate funding to contaminated site clean-ups. I understand the results were updated earlier this year. Please provide those results, as a ranked list, in a spreadsheet format, as it appears in the attached image, taken from the tool's user manual. Please provide the entire document, including all contaminated sites subjected to the tool.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p> <p>Stuff</p>	18-D-01914	1 October
<p>•All reports, correspondence, emails, texts, briefings and aide memoires you have received or sent, or your staff have received or sent concerning Glyphosate since 1 February 2018.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p> <p>National Party</p>	18-D-01949	8 October

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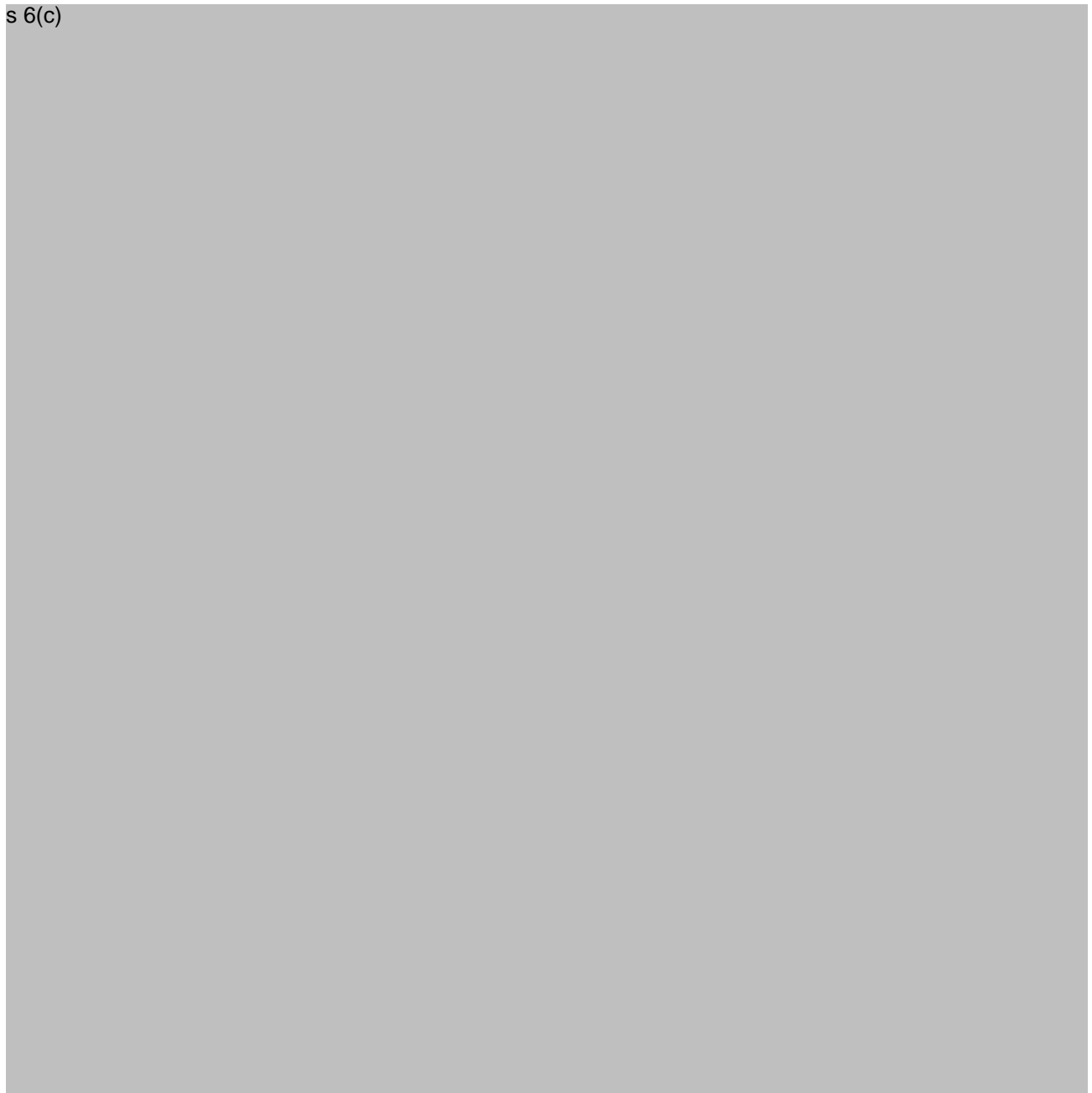
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## Weekly Update – Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

For the week starting 24 September 2018

### Environment weekly meeting 11.00am – 11.45am, Monday 24 September

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment

Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water and Climate Change

Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance

James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers

Natasha Lewis, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Stewardship and Strategy

Glenn Wigley, Acting Deputy Secretary, Natural and Built System

Jo Gascoigne, Director, Natural and Built System

	Agenda Item	Lead	Paper / verbal update	Mins
1.	Discuss Weekly Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	10
2.	Budget bid	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	10
3.	Ministers meeting Versatile Soils	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	10
4.	Water	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	15

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## Upcoming meetings

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24 September	11.00am	MfE officials
25 September	8.30am	Meeting on methyl bromide with Ministers Sage, O'Connor, Jones and Fletcher Tabuteau
26 September	7.30am	Versatile soils
	8.15am	MfE policy meeting
	9.00am	Meeting with industry representatives on implementation of the Kigali Amendment
	10.30am	Meeting with Irrigation NZ on freshwater management

## Upcoming Events

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8 October                      TBC                      Essential Freshwater launch

## Upcoming travel

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26 September - 29 September                      Sydney

## 1. Progress towards Government's strategic priorities

### 1.1. Climate Change

#### *ETS Consultation*

Consultation on improvements to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) closed on 21 September. There was a high level of interest in the consultation, with stakeholder meetings attracting higher than anticipated audiences. Key discussion topics included the relationship between the NZ ETS and the Zero Carbon Bill, and incentives for forestry. There have been approximately fifty submissions received as at 19 September. Submission numbers are expected to increase before the closing date.

## *Zero Carbon Bill*

The results from the second round of economic modelling have been reviewed and the implications for the target options and emission budgets incorporated into the final Cabinet paper and Regulatory Impact Statement. A summary of the submissions received on the discussion document and at consultation events ("Summary of Submissions") is now being prepared for publication.

### **1.2. Urban**

On 7 September, officials from the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) had our first expert advisors meeting on quality intensification under the Urban Planning pillar of the Urban Growth Agenda. The expert advisors are assisting in policy development on a confidential basis with members selected to provide a variety of perspectives across the system. The group's feedback has helped refine our understanding of barriers facing increased quality intensification and is informing ongoing policy development. We will provide you with advice on options in October.

We met with you and Minister Twyford on 13 September to discuss our proposed approach to strengthening the framework for spatial planning in New Zealand. Officials are now progressing analysis on options and are planning some targeted engagement with key stakeholders. We will report back to you later this year with further advice.

### **1.3. Water**

We are preparing for the Essential Freshwater launch on 8 October. This includes having Kahui Wai Māori and Freshwater Leaders Group members attending and holding their first meetings. Invitations have been sent to over 400 people to attend the launch.

Following our discussion on 20 September we will provide you with more information on options for being involved in the Rotorua Lakes Plan Change 10 Environment Court process. We will also provide a briefing and arrange a meeting with you to discuss our proposed approach to allocation and the possible range of options. We are revising the water bottling Cabinet paper to incorporate your comments. We left with you an outline of the wider water policy architecture that we are proposing. We would appreciate any further feedback you have on this.

## **2. Updates for noting**

### **2.1. Mackenzie Basin - situation update**

Two months ago Simons Pass Station Ltd withdrew its resource consent applications to the Mackenzie District Council (MDC) for the development of dairy sheds, buildings and associated infrastructure on three new farms (Nodes A, B, and Maryburn). It has now lodged two new consent applications for irrigation on a fourth dairy farm (Node C) which already has resource consents for a dairy shed and other buildings. The irrigation consents are necessary for the intensification of dairy farming at Node C.

MDC has placed these consent applications on hold while it seeks an Environment Court declaration on whether the activities should be treated as discretionary or controlled (there is ambiguity arising from the timing of other Environment Court decisions and plan changes).

MDC has also expressed interest, together with Waitaki District Council and Environment Canterbury, in using the Resource Management Act's (RMA) Streamlined Planning Process to align the district plans and the regional policy statement with respect to the Mackenzie basin.

A briefing on Mackenzie issues and options will be provided to you this week.

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### 2.3. At-Risk Catchments Project

All councils have now nominated at-risk catchments within their jurisdictions, except Taranaki Regional Council (TRC). Project team members met with staff from TRC on 17 September to explore possible catchments for inclusion in the project. Catchment nominations from two iwi entities have been received to date. Remaining iwi and stakeholder nominations of at-risk catchments are due at the end of this month.

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Preliminary analysis of catchment information is underway. In addition to utilising council information, the project team is working with catchment information held both by us and the Department of Conservation. The project team will soon commence its analysis of effectiveness of existing and planned management tools and what additional actions are required.

In addition to drawing on capacity within the projects partner agencies, four councils have nominated staff to work with the project team. Council staff will focus on catchment analysis, management tool evaluation, and co-design of Phase II of the project (i.e. how to operationalise management actions).

We will provide you with a preliminary list of at-risk catchments by the end of September.

#### **2.4. Dairy Industry Restructuring Act review**

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has produced a draft discussion document as part of the statutorily-required review of the Dairy Industry Restructuring Act (the DIRA). In early October, Minister O'Connor will circulate a Cabinet paper recommending endorsement of the discussion document for consultation in November (and through to 2019).

The Ministry agrees with MPI that the DIRA is not an environmental regulatory tool. That being said, there are uncertainties in the DIRA that we would like clarified so that Fonterra's ability to sanction suppliers where they fail to meet environmental standards is made clear. The discussion document currently includes an option to this effect. Furthermore, we are satisfied that the discussion document will provide submitters with an opportunity to comment on how they see the DIRA affecting the environmental performance of the sector.

The Cabinet paper and attached discussion document are expected to be taken to the Economic Development Committee in late October.

#### **2.5. Canterbury Earthquake (Christchurch Replacement District Plan) Order in Council**

Christchurch's Mayor, Hon Lianne Dalziel, was reported last week as seeking decisions from the Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration on two issues relating to the Christchurch Replacement District Plan Order in Council (OIC).

The OIC prohibits plan changes until 2021, which is preventing corrections to the operative Christchurch Plan and may also have implications for the implementation of the National Planning Standards. We understand the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) will provide advice to the Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration on the revocation of the OIC and Minister Woods will be advised to consult with you on its recommendations.

The Mayor is also seeking re-establishment of the Independent Hearings Panel (IHP) to complete the Plan's section on coastal hazards. We understand that a separate briefing is being prepared by DPMC on options for amending the plan which could be achieved outside of the RMA through the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act 2016.

#### **2.6. Land and Water Aotearoa**

Land and Water Aotearoa (LAWA) is planning to release updated information on ten year trends in water quality on World Rivers Day, Sunday 23 September.

The trends are based on Cawthron Institute analysis of monitoring information provided by regional councils. LAWA's previous release (in April) raised questions about the methodology used.

This time, Cawthron is using new trend assessment software developed by Ton Snelder and have been working closely with him to ensure the analysis is robust. LAWA proposes to release information about trends in the Macroinvertebrate Community Index (MCI) for the first time. This measures aquatic insect populations and is seen by some as a signal of waterway health. However the MCI trend information should be treated with caution, as the analysis is based on a limited number of annual measurements.

Initial indications from LAWA is that the analysis will show a dominance of improving trends (i.e. improvement at more than fifty percent of monitoring sites) for some water quality variables (eg visual clarity, phosphorus, ammonium) but a dominance of declining trends for MCI.

LAWA is due to provide detailed information on 21 September, which will be forwarded to your office.

## **2.7. Release of the Interim Report of the Tax Working Group**

The Tax Working Group's (the Group) Interim Report was released on 20 September.

The treatment of natural capital is one of two key areas raised in the interim report, alongside the inconsistent taxation of capital income capital. Taxation is identified as a valuable tool – alongside regulation and spending measures – that can be used to influence economic activity and guide a transition to more a sustainable economy

As was detailed in the Secretariat's presentation to you on 10 September, the Group has developed a framework for deciding when to apply taxes to address environmental externalities and specific opportunities where taxation could play a role. The Group is recommending further work by the Government on the use of tax or other economic instruments in the areas of waste, congestion, greenhouse gasses (through strengthening the Emissions Trading Scheme), water pollution and water abstraction.

This is an interim report only. The Government will not make any decisions until the final report is received in February 2019.

An open letter from the Ministers of Finance and Revenue has been sent to the Group. This includes welcoming the continuing consideration of what role the tax system can play in the delivery of positive environmental and ecological outcomes over the medium and longer term. It also notes that the Government's current environmental work programme provides opportunities to discuss and develop some of the issues raised by the Group in the Interim Report, especially the Waste Work Programme, the Congestion Question project the Zero Carbon Act and the establishment of the Independent Climate Commission.

We have been involved in the development of the recommendations in the interim report, and will continue to engage with the Group and the secretariat on environmental matters

## **2.8. Ministerials on Contaminated Sites National Environmental Standard**

We have made contact with some of the recent writers expressing concern with the National Environmental Standard for Contaminated Sites (NES CS). Concerns expressed relate to:

- the time and costs associated with undertaking site assessments in situations where rural land is proposed to be subdivided to enable housing;
- inconsistency in implementation of the NES CS; and
- land remaining on the Hazardous Activities and Industries List after testing and any required remediation has been undertaken.

We are looking at completing amendments to some of the Contaminated Land guideline documents. These guidelines will focus on improving consistency of implementation of the NES CS, guidance on the use of bioavailability testing, and incorporate guidance on emerging contaminants such as perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFAS).

Once the guidance has been completed and released, we will reassess the nature of any ongoing issues associated with the NES CS and whether guidance has been sufficient to meet concerns raised.

## **2.9. Accelerating Auckland Light Rail Transit**

Following your meeting with Minister Twyford last week, Ministry of Transport (MoT) and MfE officials held a workshop on 18 September with Auckland Council and the NZ Transport Agency to discuss special legislation options for light rail in Auckland. MfE officials and Auckland Council indicated a preference to develop a new legislation option, in addition to the MoT proposal, that could achieve the outcomes Ministers want in terms of timeliness and certainty whilst remaining in keeping with RMA principles.

We will work through these options with MoT and the other agencies to determine our advice to you and Minister Twyford on the legislative design. At this stage, we are looking to provide our advice and a draft Cabinet paper to you during the week of 1 October.

## **2.10. Indicators for Our Air 2018**

The list of indicators included in Our Air 2018 were publicly released by the Government Statistician on 18 September. It is standard practice to release the list of indicators about a month before each environmental report. Our Air 2018, published under the Environmental Reporting Act, will be released at 11am on 18 October.

The content of the report is confidential until release. You will be briefed orally on 17 October alongside other relevant Ministers, and will be provided with an embargoed copy of the report.

There are two new indicators compared to previous publications: black carbon concentrations, and artificial night sky brightness (which is of particular relevance to Te Ao Māori).

The other indicators (revised, merged, or kept as is compared to previous publications) are: Particulate Matter (PM) 10 concentrations, PM2.5 concentrations, heavy metals, air pollutant emissions, nitrogen dioxide concentrations, natural sources of particulate matter, health effects from exposure to PM10, benzene concentrations, carbon monoxide concentrations, ground level ozone concentrations, sulphur dioxide concentrations, and total suspended particulate matter concentrations in Penrose, Auckland.

The main data gaps identified include issues such as having limited geographic coverage of air pollutant monitoring over time, the need for better data on key sources of air pollutants, limited New Zealand-specific data on the health impacts of exposure to air pollutants, and the lack of data about the impact of air pollutants on natural ecosystems and biodiversity.

## **2.11. Working towards a policy response to the Our Air 2018**

Officials verbally briefed Minister Mahuta last week about the need for clarity on the Government's likely approach to responding to the Our Air 2018 report, because the Forward Agenda for National Direction has not yet been published.

We anticipate that the main policy response to the release of the air domain report will be to welcome the report findings and acknowledge that there is still work to do to address air quality in some locations. We also expect media will ask questions about the status of the current Air Quality NES and whether the Government has plans to review it.

We suggest you both discuss how to manage the policy response to the Air Domain report, specifically what the Government might say regarding the anticipated review of the NES.

## 2.12. Release of regional research reports related to improving water quality

We have supported a variety of research in the regions during the 2017/18 year. Three reports, all broadly related to encouraging uptake of water quality measures, are due to be published on our website next week. All three reports have already been made available to regional councils, iwi and Crown Research Institutes and are being used to inform freshwater science, planning and implementation in the regions.

The reports are:

- *Hawke's Bay TANK plan change: Barriers and risks to the adoption of proposed mechanisms to coordinate management action*

This research was commissioned to identify perceived barriers to the adoption of any of the three mechanisms proposed in the draft plan change for the Tutaekuri, Ahuriri, Ngaruroro and Karamu catchments (known as 'TANK'). This plan change requires farmers, growers and foresters to agree work (with Council) that is required on their properties through one of the following mechanisms: an individual farm plan, an industry programme, or by working collectively within local catchment collectives.

- *Water Management Groups: Preliminary Guidance*

Water Management Groups (WMGs), if properly structured and supported, have significant potential to help both councils and land users manage diffuse effects. This report offers preliminary guidance to WMGs, regional councils and other interested parties on how WMGs can be structured and what regional council plans should contain to improve the likelihood that groups will achieve the freshwater outcomes desired by their communities.

- *Waitohi and Waikawa Streams Characterisation and Water Quality Study (Marlborough)*

This report has two sections; Section 1, facilitated by Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust, describes the history and cultural values associated with the Waitohi and Waikawa streams, and, Section 2, an interim report by the Marlborough District Council that addresses Water Quality in the Waitohi and Waikawa catchments. This work will be used to inform future work that both parties can undertake in these catchments.

## 2.13. s 9(2)(j)



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**2.14. Essential Freshwater Urban Components**

Over the coming weeks, we will be delivering a series of briefings on components of the Essential Freshwater national direction programme. Any proposals for revisions to the Freshwater National Policy Statement (NPS) or a new Freshwater National Environmental Standard (NES) will have implications for the management of urban water, and some papers will be proposing changes that make direct changes. In order to ensure that both you and your colleague, Minister Mahuta, are able to make informed decisions on these briefings, we intend to copy her into all Essential Freshwater briefings, and have joint sign-off for briefings that specifically deal with the urban water components of the package. We suggest that these decisions could be considered and discussed during your meetings with Minister Mahuta.

**2.15. Ombudsman Investigation of Official Information Act Practices**

We were one of four agencies chosen by the Ombudsman this year to investigate Official Information Act (OIA) practices. The review has been ongoing since April, and is about to come to a close. The provisional report was positive for us, highlighting the work we have done to improve our OIA practices, as well as taking a leading role in proactive release of official information. There are a number of suggestions in the report, but no formal recommendations. The final report is due to be tabled in Parliament on Thursday 27 September. You will be provided with a copy of the report shortly after.

**2.16. s 9(2)(f)(iv)**

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### 3. Briefing notes

24 September – 19 October

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Due to your office
Meeting Note Irrigation NZ	MfE	Prepares you for your meeting with Irrigation NZ on 26 September.	24 September
Tokatea: Clarifying Limitation of Liability drafting for Ngāti Tamaterā and Te Patukirikiri	OTS and MfE	Seeks approval your for amendments to a clause limiting iwi liability for potential historic contamination of cultural redress land. The Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations is not required to make a decision but is asked to note the content of this paper.	24 September
Intensive land use in the Mackenzie basin: Issues and Options	MfE	Advice on issues relating to land use practice in the Mackenzie Basin including an update on RMA processes.	25 September
Urban Growth Agenda: Scope of the Legislative Reform pillar	MfE and MBIE	Provides options for the approach to legislative reform under the Urban Growth Agenda and seeks direction on your preference for the nature and scope of possible reform.	26 September
Urban Growth Agenda: Options for recovering the full costs of growth infrastructure	MBIE	Provides advice on improving the ability to measure the marginal costs of growth infrastructure so that the true (direct and indirect costs) of growth are transparent and borne by the appropriate beneficiaries.	26 September
Urban Development Legislation: Further advice on the Independent Hearings Panel process	MfE and MBIE	Provides you and Minister Twyford with advice on operational aspects of the Independent Hearings Panel (IHP). Seeks decisions on panel composition and appointment, mechanisms to ensure public participation, and how to meet the servicing requirements of the IHP.	26 September
National Planning Standards – overview of submissions and upcoming briefings	MfE and DOC	Provides an overview of submissions received on the recent consultation and sets out the series of briefings you will receive over the coming months to prepare for gazettal in April 2019.	27 September
Resolving exceptions of national bottom lines	MfE	Consider whether to populate Appendix 3 (significant infrastructure) and Appendix 4 allowing councils to set objectives below a national bottom lines, or implement alternative approaches (e.g no permanent exceptions).	28 September
Stricter requirements to maintain water quality	MfE	Changes that limit potential for declines in water quality (i.e. within bands), including changes recommended by the LAWF.	28 September
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
Timeframes for implementation	MfE	Bring forward deadline for NPSFM implementation (e.g 2022 as recommended by NZ Fish & Game), including for specific policies (e.g requiring accounting frameworks to be in place sooner).	5 October
Protecting outstanding waterbodies	MfE	Clarify regional council obligations (re Objective A2) and consider new tools to help identify them.	5 October

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Due to your office
Protection of drinking water	MfE	Prioritise drinking water for protection (e.g as a compulsory value) and directly link policy direction to the NES for sources of human drinking water.	5 October
National Planning Standards - zone framework and spatial planning tools standards	MfE	Provides update and advice on two draft planning standards following formal public consultation.	5 October
Avoiding further loss of wetlands	MfE	Explicit direction to avoid further loss of these water bodies Prohibiting (or setting conditions) on takes and diversions to prevent loss.	19 October
Managing all aspects of ecosystem health	MfE	Explicit recognition of all aspects of ecosystem health (e.g. habitat, as recommended by NZ Fish & Game) including a framework to assist councils in doing this through identifying additional attributes and setting objectives	19 October

#### 4. Cabinet material

24 September – 19 October

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
Proposed Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2018	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	Seeks agreement to a narrowly scoped RMA Amendment Bill to be progressed in 2018 as stage one of a two stage approach to RMA Reform.	<b>Due to ENV Committee:</b> 25 September <b>Due to Cabinet</b> 1 October
Fiordland Marine Guardians - Crown Appointments	(APH) Appointments and Honours, Committee	Will support you at Appointment and Honours Committee to make your recommendations to the Fiordland Marine Guardians. Appointing two new members and reappointing one member to the Guardians.	<b>Due to APH Committee:</b> 26 September <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 1 October
Listing Chemicals in the schedules of Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 and the Imports and Exports Order to comply with international obligations under the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	This paper proposes that New Zealand formally accept the listings by amending legislation and notifying the convention secretariat.	<b>Due to you:</b> 27 September <b>Due to lodge:</b> 11 October <b>Due to DEV Committee:</b> 17 October <b>Due to Cabinet</b> 23 October

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
Urban Development Legislation: Entity form	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee	This paper outlines how the new entity will operate, what form it will take, how it will be held accountable and other organisational issues.	<b>Due to lodge:</b> 1 November <b>Due to DEV Committee:</b> 7 November <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 12 November
Reclassifying five organisms as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	Paper proposing that five organisms be reclassified as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.	<b>Due to you:</b> TBC <b>Due to lodge:</b> TBC <b>Due to ENV Committee:</b> TBC <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> TBC
Essential Freshwater: Freshwater Leaders Group: Appointment of members Kahui Wai Māori: Appointment of Members	(APH) Appointments and Honours, Committee	Outlines your intention to appoint members of the Freshwater Leaders Group & Kahui Wai Māori for a term of one year.	<b>Due to lodge:</b> TBC <b>Due to ENV Committee:</b> TBC <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> TBC
Options for a royalty on bottled water	(ENV) Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	Seeks agreement to a scope choice: whether a royalty should apply to exports of water only, or to water bottling generally. Recommends consultation with Māori as the next step.	<b>Due to you:</b> TBC <b>Due to lodge:</b> TBC <b>Due to ENV Committee:</b> TBC <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> TBC

## 5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
Future State of Three Waters Regulation and Service Delivery	Department of Internal Affairs	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee	This paper seeks agreement on the scope and timeframes for decisions on potential changes to regulatory and service delivery arrangements for Three Waters infrastructure. We are working closely with DIA on the environmental regulation workstream and its alignment with our existing work programmes on Freshwater and the Resource Management System.

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
Community resilience in the face of natural hazards and climate change	Department of Internal Affairs	(DEV) Cabinet Economic Development Committee (due 17 October)	<p>This paper sets out a proposed work programme to reduce risks associated with natural hazards, including adapting to climate change, in order to build resilience. The paper proposes a group of Ministers to oversee this work.</p> <p>The current draft Cabinet paper states that the initial focus of the work programme is to develop a policy framework for proportionate responses to existing high natural hazard areas between central and local government. The paper then indicates that the second stage of the work will develop sustainable policy settings for the future, including life risk and non-life risk vulnerability caused by natural hazards and climate change.</p> <p>We are working with D A to ensure that the Cabinet paper accurately reflects how the initial focus on risk-to-life situations will concurrently inform the wider work programme.</p> <p>We consider this work programme is an important opportunity to get central government agencies working together to address a subset of the recommendations in final report from the Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group (CCATWG) and suggest you support this paper in principle</p>
Crown Offer: Whanganui Land Settlement	Office of Treaty Settlements	(CMR) Cabinet Crown/Māori Relations Committee	<p>This paper seeks Cabinet approval for a redress package to form the basis of a Crown offer to Whanganui Land Settlement (WLS) for the comprehensive settlement of their historical Treaty of Waitangi claims. If accepted, this offer will be recorded in an agreement in principle (AIP) between the Crown and WLS, to be signed in December 2018.</p>

## 6. Official Information Act requests

### 6.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PFAS weekly briefing / update dated May 18, May 28, June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29</li> <li>Update on proposed Ohakea water scheme (11/06/18)</li> <li>genetic technology - overview and next steps (07/06)</li> <li>May 10 - request to undertake public consultation on the regulatory matters to ratify the Minamata convention</li> <li>18 May - the 2017 report on the enforcement of the Hazardous substances and new organisms act</li> </ul>	s 9(2)(a) Stuff	18-O-01725 / 18-O-01726 / 18-O-01727	17 September	1 October

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the briefing on ministers meeting with Te Ohu Kaimoana Trustee LTD and Te Wa Maori trust</li> <li>• 13 June - litigation on the interface of the resource management act 1991 and the fisheries act 1996</li> <li>• EEZ amendment - information for second reading and committee (29 June)</li> </ul> <p>"- a list of all reports and briefings, by title and date, received from any government"</p>				
<p>Any documents relating to advice, verbal or written, that the Ministry for the Environment has received on the proposed Kahui Wai Maori forum by date. Any documents relating to any cabinet papers or other advice, verbal or written provided by the Ministry for the Environment in relation to the proposed Kahui Wai Maori Forum</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a) National Party</p>	<p>18-O-01943</p>	<p>1 October</p>	<p>8 October</p>

## 6.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
<p>The parameters of any such correspondence are as follows:            Occurring during the period between 1 July 2018 and today (28 August 2018).            Sender being any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Toro Waaka or</li> <li>- by or on behalf of tāngata whenua members of the Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee or</li> <li>- by or on behalf of Treaty settlement entities in the Hawke's Bay region (individually or collectively).</li> </ul> <p>Plus any correspondence in return from the Minister or the Ministry to any of the above.            Plus any briefing papers or advice in writing from officials to the Minister regarding any correspondence referred above.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a) Hawkes Bay Regional Council</p>	<p>18-D-01907</p>	<p>25 September</p>

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
<p>Questionnaire</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe your role in pest management in NZ?</li> <li>2. Under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act what focus is there from your department on pest welfare?</li> <li>3. Have there been any changes to your practices due to the AWA 2015? If so, what are these?</li> <li>4. Where can I find your policies and procedures?</li> <li>5. How often or in what situations are your regulations, practices and policies updated?</li> <li>6. How do you make these policies and procedures? I.e. where does your legislative/ delegated authority come from?</li> </ol> <p>We would be grateful to receive any links, material or resources that may be useful and your response by email. We are also happy to speak via telephone or meet with you to clarify our understanding.</p>	<p><b>Law Reform Team</b> Wellington Community Justice Project</p>	18-D-01908	25 September
<p>I'd like the results generated by the Contaminated Sites Remediation Prioritisation Tool, which MfE uses to allocate funding to contaminated site clean-ups. I understand the results were updated earlier this year. Please provide those results, as a ranked list, in a spreadsheet format, as it appears in the attached image, taken from the tool's user manual. Please provide the entire document, including all contaminated sites subjected to the tool.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a) Stuff</p>	18-D-01914	1 October
<p>Any documents relating to advice, verbal or written that the Ministry for the Environment has received on the proposed Kahui Wai Maori forum by date. Any documents relating to any cabinet papers or other advice, verbal or written provided by the Ministry for the Environment in relation to the proposed Kahui Wai Maori Forum</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a) National Party</p>	18-D-01840	16 October

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