

Weekly Update

Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Associate Minister for the Environment

For the week starting 2 December 2019

Environment fortnightly meeting 5.00 – 5.30pm, Wednesday 4 December

Attendees: Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Associate Minister for the Environment
 Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Natural and Built Systems
 Jo Gascoigne, Director, Natural and Built Systems
 Adrian Young, Acting Manager, Urban Water Policy
 Perrine Gilkison, Urban Water Policy
 Andrew McCauley, Urban Water Policy
 Dianna Caird, Urban Water Policy
 Aaron Cox, Urban Water Policy

	Agenda Item	Lead	Paper / verbal update	Mins
1.	Discuss Weekly Update	Amanda Moran	Verbal update	10
2.	Urban Water and Three Waters programme update	Jo Gascoigne	Verbal update	20

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1. Updates for noting

1.1. Napier City Council's draft stormwater bylaw

Napier City Council's (NCC) draft stormwater bylaw proposes to prohibit the discharge of stormwater pollutants from common residential and industrial activities into its stormwater network. This gives NCC the ability to enforce source control measures at property level.

The bylaw has recently undergone public consultation with submitters both supporting and opposing it. Some submitters support the enforcement of source control methods noting the adverse effects the discharge is having on the Ahuriri estuary, a diverse ecosystem with significant recreational value. However other submitters, particularly auto business, have raised concern that the restrictions will require them to change the way they carry out day to day operations.

Other city and district councils in New Zealand have stormwater bylaws that have similar prohibitions to NCC's draft bylaw.

We will consider the role that three waters bylaws will continue to have in improving environmental outcomes for freshwater in urban areas as part of the Resource Management review.

1.2. Response to the Urban Water Working Group's report

The Urban Water Working Group's report containing their recommendations on implementing the Urban Water Principles will shortly be ready for publication.

At the weekly meeting with you on 4 December we will discuss this report and the options for responding to the Group's recommendations.

1.3. Consultation Series 2020 Update

The Ministry for the Environment has eight consultations scheduled between October 2019 and March 2020 as listed in the table below.

To ensure effective and meaningful engagement with iwi/Māori, and stakeholders, we will develop joint agendas where relevant. We will also identify other consultations underway from other agencies that may also be relevant and add them to the agenda.

Consultation series 2020 - timings	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20
Climate-related financial disclosures (LIVE)	31 Oct		13 Dec			
NZ ETS auctioning (LIVE)		12 Nov	19 Dec			
RM Issues and options (LIVE)		12 Nov			3 Feb	
NZ ETS operational issue (LIVE)		21 Nov	20 Dec			
National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (LIVE)		26 Nov				14 Mar
Waste levy		27 Nov			3 Feb	
National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (TBC)			16 Dec TBC		28 Feb	
NZ ETS supply (TBC)			11 Dec		28 Feb	

2. Briefing notes

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3. Cabinet material

25 November – 22 December

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2019-C-06170 Approval to release Discussion Document – Amendments to the National Environmental Standard for Air Quality	ENV	This paper seeks Cabinet approval for consultation on amendments to the National Environment Standard for Air Quality	Due to Committee: 5 December Due to Cabinet: 9 December

4. Cabinet material for proactive release (30 working days after confirmation by Cabinet)

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5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

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Urban Development Bill: Approval for Introduction	HUD	Cabinet 2 December	This paper seeks approval to introduce the Urban Development Bill that will provide Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities with a toolkit of powers to assist in the delivery of its urban development function.	MfE have provided HUD with some technical comments for accuracy but are otherwise comfortable with the contents of this paper. We are continuing to work closely with HUD to refine the drafting of the RMA-related aspects of the Urban Development Bill prior to its introduction.
Ngāti Maru Deed of Settlement Cabinet Paper update	Te Arawhiti	MCR 3 December	This paper seeks agreement to proposed changes to the Treaty settlement redress for Ngāti Maru ki Taranaki (Ngāti Maru) since their agreement in principle, to enable a deed of settlement to be initialled by the end of 2019.	MfE supports the paper's request that Cabinet agree proposed changes to the settlement redress, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted] • Agree to vary aspects of commercial and cultural redress • s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted] • Offer Ngāti Maru statutory acknowledgments and deeds of recognition over named rivers and tributaries s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]
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Renewable Energy and Updated discussion document on Accelerating Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	MBIE	DEV TBC	This cabinet paper seeks agreement to release for public consultation a discussion paper <i>Accelerating renewable energy and energy efficiency</i> , which is part of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Renewable Energy Strategy work programme.	The updated discussion document, which MBIE's draft Cabinet Paper is seeking agreement to release for public consultation, provides initial advice and seeks public feedback on a wide range of policy options to encourage the use of renewable energy. It covers both supply and demand side measures across both process heat and electricity. MfE's Climate Change and National Direction teams have provided input and comment, which has been reflected in the draft. MBIE have been thorough in assessing the barriers and options in each area at a high level. The updated discussion document provides a sound basis for seeking a

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				public response. We recommend that you support the paper.
Improving whitebait management draft cabinet paper	DOC	ENV TBC	<p>This paper seeks agreement to release a discussion document to support public consultation on management of the whitebait fishery. The proposals aim to achieve healthy and restored whitebait populations, and a sustainable fishery. Methods include regulating the timing of the season, refuge (no fishing areas), practices and export.</p> <p>A high level of interest in the proposals is expected. Threats to the fishery are not just fishing, but include water quality, habitat loss and general declines in freshwater ecosystem health. These additional threats are within scope of the Essential Freshwater work programme.</p>	<p>Whitebait comprises the young of six native fish species, four of which are classified as at risk or threatened.</p> <p>Your Essential Freshwater work programme will complement the aims of the proposal by addressing some of the threats to the fishery.</p>

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6. Official Information Act requests

6.1. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
In the attached briefing document on the Biodiversity Strategy and the NPSIB, it refers to engagement with the mining sector occurring between November 2018 and July 2019 (para 9) Could you please provide information including documentation relating to this engagement?	s 9(2)(a) [redacted]	19-D-02622	24 December

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Weekly Update

Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Associate Minister for the Environment

For the week starting 16 December 2019

There is no meeting scheduled this week.

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1. Actions and decisions

1.1. New timeframes for proposed amendments to the National Environmental Standard Air Quality

The rescheduling of the National Environmental Standard Air Quality (NESAQ) paper for Cabinet consideration will impact delivery timeframes, as previously advised to your office on Monday 9 December 2019. The earliest date now for Cabinet consideration is mid-February.

Pending Cabinet approval, the new indicative timeline would be:

- Public consultation March-April 2020
- Cabinet approval of drafting instructions late August 2020
- Drafting regulations September-November 2020
- Final Cabinet approval of amendments December 2020
- Published in Gazette February 2021

During January and February, we will continue work to ensure more informed conversations with Māori and stakeholders during consultation, and put us in a better position to deal with complex submissions. This will include further research and analysis on the impact of the proposals on Māori and on each region, developing specific scenarios for areas we expect to be most affected, and beginning work on a compliance strategy to support the NESAQ. We will brief you in February on outcomes of this further work.

We note that the paper remains on the agenda for consideration at DEV. We recommend your office seek permission for the paper be transferred back to the next ENV committee meeting on 20 February 2020. The ENV Committee remains the most appropriate forum to consider the proposed amendments to the NESAQ.

Do you agree that the paper should be transferred back to the next ENV committee for consideration on 20 February 2020?

Yes/No

2. Updates for noting

2.1. Potential breach of NZ air quality standards from Australian bushfires may result in exceptional exceedance application in 2020

Air quality monitors in various parts of New Zealand have recently detected elevated levels of airborne particulate matter measuring 10 micrometres or less (PM₁₀). These readings may be associated with smoke from large bushfires in New South Wales, Australia.

According to air quality data on the Land Air Water Aotearoa (LAWA) website on 10 December 2019, elevated levels of PM₁₀ have been measured in Whangarei, Marsden Point, Napier, Taihape, Masterton, Wellington, Blenheim, Nelson and Timaru. LAWA data also shows that PM₁₀ levels in Putaruru, Richmond and Auckland have exceeded the 50 µg/m³ daily average PM₁₀ standard in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 (NESAQ):

Date	Monitoring Site (Airshed)	PM ₁₀ measurement	Regional Authority
6 December	Putaruru Bowling Club (Putaruru)	50.6 µg/m ³	Waikato Regional Council
7 December	Plunket AQ (Richmond)	50.6 µg/m ³	Tasman Regional Council
7 December	Penrose (Auckland Urban)	51.5 µg/m ³	Auckland Council
7 December	Patumahoe (Auckland region)	54.2 µg/m ³	Auckland Council

Once the relevant regional authorities have had the opportunity to assess their exceedances data and surrounding circumstances, we anticipate that they may apply for decisions to treat the exceedances as exceptional circumstances under Regulation 16A of the NESAQ. Regulation 16A allows councils three months from the date of the exceedance to submit their application to you.

We are aware that Auckland Council is preparing an exceptional circumstances application for an exceedance of the daily average PM₁₀ standard on 24 October 2019, during the fire at the SkyCity New Zealand International Convention Centre

There is potential that particulate matter from the eruption at Whakaari/White Island may also trigger exceedances at some locations in New Zealand. We will keep you updated on this.

2.2. Further information on Auckland Council's stormwater network discharge consent

You have requested further information on Auckland Councils' stormwater network discharge consent (NDC) and the extent to which it applies to Auckland Council's council controlled organisations.

Overview of the NDC

The NDC permits Auckland Council to discharge stormwater generated from its public stormwater network within existing and future urban areas. This gives Auckland Council the opportunity to take a more integrated approach to stormwater management and gives effect to policy direction in the Auckland Unitary Plan.

Application of the NDC to Auckland Transport, Watercare, and other council controlled organisations

The NDC does not cover, or apply to, stormwater discharges from Auckland Council's council controlled organisations (CCOs), such as Auckland Transport and Watercare. The NDC only covers stormwater discharges from the public stormwater network which is operated by the Healthy Waters team in Auckland Council.

Any CCOs that need to discharge stormwater will either do it through:

- a stormwater discharge consent granted by Auckland Council (as the regional council), which means the CCO would be responsible for meeting the conditions of consent; or
- the Auckland Council stormwater bylaw, which provides Auckland Council (as the stormwater network operator) with the power to manage the input and capacity into its stormwater network.

Under the Unitary Plan Auckland Council (as the regional council) can also require its CCOs to adopt good practice measures to reduce adverse effects of stormwater. These measures include adopting water sensitive urban design. An example of this is Manukau Bus Station where Auckland Transport used water sensitive design to capture and treat stormwater.

2.3. Overview of the Urban Water Working Group's recommendations

The Urban Water Working Group is in the process of finalising a report containing their recommendations on how the Urban Water Principles can be implemented. We will provide you with advice on how the Government could respond to the Group's recommendations in early 2020 once the report has been finalised. This will include advice on how you can acknowledge and promote the work of the group.

We have provided a summary of the Group's recommendations below as they currently stand, which are grouped into policy and practices recommendations. We note that these recommendations are subject to final approval from the Group, which is expected to occur in January 2020.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



The Groups notes that their practice recommendations are limited in scope and reflect the expertise of the group. They have recommended that Central Government include their practices in guidance and continue to develop practices that cover a wider range of groups and activities that can affect urban water.

2.4. Wastewater National Environmental Standard: proposed approach to identify and fill information gaps

You have requested further information on how we intend to generate data and information to inform the design of the new national environmental standard for wastewater discharges and overflows (wastewater NES). This is a priority for our work in quarters three and four of this financial year.

Our proposed approach to identify and fill research and data gaps includes:

- developing and engagement approach, including Māori engagement and establishing a 'critical friends' group of wastewater management experts
- undertaking a stocktake of available information on wastewater management practices and related regulatory issues in New Zealand and identify any critical information gaps
- commissioning data and research to address data gaps and to inform the development of the wastewater NES.

We will provide further information on the process and approach for developing the wastewater NES in early 2020.

2.5. Engagement update for proposed National Policy Statement Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB)

Planning for engagement in 2020 for iwi/Māori/hapū, stakeholder workshops and council meetings over the proposed NPSIB is underway.

From 9-19 December officials are road testing implementation requirements with Councils around the country. These councils are Marlborough, Tasman, Westland, Kāpiti Coast, New Plymouth, Far North, Gisborne and Southland District Councils Environment Canterbury, Horizons, Waikato and West Coast Regional Councils, Wellington, Napier, Hamilton and Dunedin City Councils and Auckland Council.

Conversations with these councils are focused on the implementation aspects of the NPSIB and will continue in the New Year. Other councils will also have the opportunity to talk with us in the New Year and can make submissions.

Officials are starting to arrange targeted stakeholder meetings for early next year, including with farming associations, environmental NGOs, forestry sector, electricity generators, infrastructure providers and mining sector. We will keep you updated on these meetings.

Next week, 17-19 December, you are meeting QEII Trust, Beef and Lamb, Federated Farmers and Ngā Whenua Rāhui. We are providing you with background and talking points to support these conversations.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introducing an 'intention test' - a measurement of whether or not a property was purchased with the intent to then 'dispose' as a determinant of whether taxes should apply (I assume a statement of intent is the mechanism for ensuring this but that is not explicit). • ensuring that the law is fair so there are no unintended consequences that would see 'genuine' homes and business premises captured by the tax. 	
Building Consent Exemptions in Schedule 1 of the Building Act 2004.	MBIE	DEV TBC	This paper proposes amendments to Schedule 1 of the Building Act 2004 to include 12 additional exemptions for minor and low-risk building work from the Building Consent process. The exemptions include short span bridges, carports, single storey detached pole sheds and hay barns, solar array panels, veranda, awnings, single storey detached buildings, pipe support structures and flexible water bladders. Guidance to TA's would also be updated.	MfE is comfortable with this paper and has provided comments to the MBIE.

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7. Official Information Act requests

7.1. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
In the attached briefing document on the Biodiversity Strategy and the NPSIB, it refers to engagement with the mining sector occurring between November 2018 and July 2019 (para 9) Could you please provide information including documentation relating to this engagement?	s 9(2)(a) [Redacted]	19-D-02622	24 December

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