

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

For the week starting 5 March 2018

### Environment weekly meeting 11.00 am – 11.30am, Monday 5 March

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment

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

Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water

Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Resource Management

Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance

James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers

Glenn Wigley, Director Environmental Risk & Science

	Agenda Item	Lead	Paper / verbal update	Mins
1.	Discuss Weekly Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	5
2.	Water Cabinet papers	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	5
3.	s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]	Amanda Moran	Verbal update	5
4.	Debrief from Resource Reform Symposium	Amanda Moran	Verbal update	5
5.	Mana Whakahono a Rohe provisions	Amanda Moran	Paper	5
6.	PFAS	Glenn Wigley	Verbal update	5

## Upcoming meetings

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### Week 5 – 16 March

<b>5 March</b>	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
	4.00pm - 4.30pm	Ministers Twyford, Sage and Jones to s 9(2)(f)(iv)
<b>6 – 10 March</b>		Overseas travel
<b>12 March</b>	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
	4.00pm	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
<b>13 March</b>		Tasman District Council
<b>12 March</b>	7.00pm	Dinner with Board of Fertiliser Association
<b>14 March</b>		Horizons Regional Council visit

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Environment officials meeting

- Discussion on partnerships
- Discussion on addressing externalities in fresh water

## 1. Progress towards Government's strategic priorities

### 1.1. Climate Change

#### *Zero Carbon Bill*

The next Cabinet committee meeting for the Zero Carbon Bill is the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV) on March 20. This will focus on the terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee. The Minister for Climate Change consulted you on this, in the week beginning February 12. The focus of the consultation was the terms of reference for the climate change public sector board of Chief Executives (CE Board) and terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee.

### 1.2. Urban

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## 2. Actions and decisions

### 2.1. Additional Select Committee Annual Review Questions

On 22 February the Ministry appeared before the Environment Select Committee at our Annual Review hearing. On 26 February we were issued with 15 additional questions, further to those we copied to your office on 20 February.

Unlike the standard annual review questions which focus on the 2016-17 financial year, the additional questions address our current and forthcoming work programme (a full list can be found attached to this report – Appendix 1.).

Because many of these relate to current work you have commissioned we will share these with you for comment. The deadline we have been given by the Select Committee is tight.

*We propose to provide you with the draft responses on **5 March** for your office's comment no later than **midday 7 March**.*

## 3. Updates for noting

### 3.1. CCC Request to Revoke the Christchurch Order in Council

DPMC officials have suggested to the Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration that she consult with you on Christchurch City Council's (CCC) request to have the Canterbury Earthquake (Christchurch Replacement District Plan) Order in Council 2014 (the OiC) revoked.

CCC considers that the OiC has served its purpose (of enabling a streamlined plan review process) and is now preventing the use of normal RMA Schedule 1 processes, to make necessary corrections and updates to the plan.

If the GCR Minister agrees to consider the CCC request, then the statutory process for deciding whether to revoke the OiC under the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act will begin. This involves consultation with the strategic partners (s 148), potentially followed by Cabinet and Executive Council approval for any Ministerial recommendation to the Governor General to sign a new Order revoking the OiC. We will provide you with advice in relation to this consultation.

### 3.2. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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### 3.3. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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### **3.4. Letter from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment**

On 22 February 2018, Simon Upton wrote to Vicky Robertson and Liz McPherson to provide commentary on *Our Atmosphere and Climate 2017* and to outline the Commissioner's general approach to his commentary role.

The Commissioner agrees with the previous PCE's recommendation, that the environmental reporting system be reviewed and suggests that the review would be best conducted in 2019, after the synthesis report is released. To support this review, the Commissioner intends to produce an assessment of the reporting system, and in the meantime, will continue to comment on domain reports as they are produced.

The Commissioner says that "the report generally performs well", and notes that there are some areas of the report where more information could be required, such as the section on New Zealand's domestic emissions. The Commissioner also makes three recommendations for MfE and Statistics NZ based on his assessment:

1. Develop criteria for the selection of social and economic pressure indicators and include them in the *Good Practice Guide for Environmental Reporting*.
2. Develop principles and guidance for when existing models can be drawn upon, and when models or other analyses will be commissioned as part of environmental reporting and include these in the *Good Practice Guide for Environmental Reporting*.
3. Ensure that science-based performance indicators are used in preference to policy-based indicators, and protocols are developed to deal with the effects of changes in threshold levels or calculation methods, to ensure continuity and consistency of the indicator.

The Ministry is working on a response to this letter and will address these points raised.

## **4. Update from the EPA**

### **4.1. Extension of Time for Submissions on Te Waikoropupu Springs Water Conservation Order**

At the request of the Mayor of Tasman District Council, the Special Tribunal for the Te Waikoropupu Springs Water Conservation Order application has granted a two week extension of time for submissions from the public. The public now have until 14 March 2018 to make a submission on the application. The time extension will enable those persons adversely affected by cyclone Gita to still have the opportunity to make a submission on this application.

## 5. Briefing notes

5 March – 16 March

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Date due to your office
Covering note for LEG Committee paper on NZ Aluminium Smelters allocative baseline update	MfE	Reasons for changes to the allocative baseline for NZAS, and the impacts of those changes.	1 March
Approving the draft Letter of Expectations to the EPA 2018/19	MfE	Following Ministerial feedback we attach the final draft of the Letter of Expectations to the EPA 2018/19 for joint signature by you and Ministers Sage. It should then be sent to the EPA Board in early March.	5 March
Pest Control Regulations – Policy Background and Approach to Upcoming Litigation	MfE	This briefing seeks agreement on the Resource Management (Exemption) Regulations 2017 for pest control made under s 360(1)(h), and seeks to confirm the Crown's approach to defending the regulations, which are being judicially reviewed in the Court of Appeal on 30 May 2018.	6 March
Update of the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality	MfE	Briefing on the update to Australian and New Zealand Water Quality guidelines to provide background on the revisions and seek your approval to launch the guidelines following a letter from the Australian Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources seeking your approval to launch the guidelines	8 March
Update on the Waikato and Waipā River arrangements review process	MfE/TPK	Updates the Minister on progress in the review process	9 March
Release of public discussion document on "Proposed policy for regulating decommissioning under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012"	MfE	This briefing advises that, as agreed in previous BN 2017-B-04004, Taranaki iwi groups were provided an embargoed copy of the discussion document and invited to comment. We request that you now seek Cabinet approval to release the public discussion document "Proposed policy for regulating decommissioning under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012"	9 March
Proposed Taranaki and Hawkes Bay iwi regional environment forums	MfE	Provides background on the proposed forum to be held in Taranaki and the Hawkes Bay this year and seek the Ministers interest and availability to attend.	14 March
Options for making changes to the RMA	MfE	Initial advice on options to amend the Resource Management Act 1991 with respect to reversing some provisions introduced in 2017	15 March
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			16 March

6. Cabinet material being prepared for you

5 March – 30 March

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Approval of policy decisions in relation to cost recovery of Boards of Inquiry appointed under the EEZ Act	ENV	Seeks Cabinet approval to amend the EEZ Act to provide for cost recovery provisions in relation to Boards of Inquiry appointed by the Minister under the EEZ Act	<p><b>Due to you:</b> 8 March</p> <p><b>Due to lodge:</b> 15 March</p> <p><b>Due to Cabinet Environment Committee:</b> 20 March</p>
9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
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<p>Urban Growth Agenda</p>	<p>CBC</p>	<p>This paper will outline the objectives and approach to implementing the Urban Growth Agenda.</p>	<p><b>Due to you:</b> 29 March <b>Due to lodge:</b> 12 April <b>Due to Cabinet Business Committee:</b> 17 April</p>
<p>9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>

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

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our feelings on the paper
Ministry of Transport Government Policy Statement	MoT	TBC	<p>The Ministry of Transport (MoT) is reviewing the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) for 2018. The proposed GPS strategic priorities are: Safety; Access; Environment; and Value for Money.</p> <p>Public engagement is expected to occur in March-April 2018. Compared to earlier drafts, the draft GPS for engagement has a greater focus on environmental and social outcomes.</p> <p>The draft GPS for engagement and accompanying Cabinet paper were expected to be lodged for consideration this week, but the timing of the paper has been delayed. We will provide an update when we have a revised timeframe.</p>

## 8. Engagement

### 8.1. Key issues in the media

- Developers in Tauranga say council officials are not moving fast enough to free up land for development and one predicts Tauranga will run out of land in two years. But the mayor says he does not want a "development free-for-all" when the city is still trying to manage the impacts of rapid growth.
- Online, newspaper and TV covered the tyre fire in Amberley north of Christchurch. Fire and Emergency New Zealand is treating the cause of the fire as suspicious – and Police are investigating.
- The Dominion Post and NZ Herald both reported on the Te Matau a Maui waka trawling for plastic off the East Coast, which found microplastics are accumulating in the waters around Kiwi shores.
- Napier barrister Martin Williams has said in the NZ Herald that there is a need for water storage in Hawkes Bay and that Ruataniwha Dam must be considered.
- PFAS media coverage continues, with a focus this week on the EPA issuing a compliance order to Nelson Airport and testing at Devonport Naval Base.

## 9. Official Information Act requests

### 9.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
Please provide all documents and correspondence received since December 4, 2017 which refer to the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary.	██████████ National Party	18-O-00335	7 March	14 March
Any reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire on 19 December 2017-B-04078 Regional council progress towards Freshwater NPS implementation. 21 December 17-B-03929 Biodiversity – Collaborative Group and System work (Ref reply to WQ 799)	██████████	18-O-00359	8 March	15 March
Under the OIA, can I please request the briefings entitled “Establishing the Housing Commission and legislating to empower complex urban development projects”, “Establishing a national urban development authority”, “National policy statement on urban development capacity - release of further guidance and new price efficiency indicators”, “Urban growth agenda proposed scope and approach”, “Meeting note for Housing and Urban Development Ministers meeting, 19 December 2017”, “Oral Cabinet item: Letter to Mayor Goff about urban growth partnership process with Auckland Council”, “Update on progress toward developing first set of national planning standards”, “Your role in urban areas” and “Information on the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity”.	██████████ ACT Party	18-O-00378	13 March	20 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet Paper on Government Response to Havelock North Inquiry, 2 February</li> <li>• Manifesto Initiatives for Budget 2018 – Environment, 25 January; Budget 2018 Reprioritisation Initiatives – Environment, 25 January</li> <li>• Environment Weekly Update, 24 November; Environment Weekly Update, 30 November</li> <li>• Status of Ouvea Premix stockpiles in Southland, 12 January</li> <li>• Proposed work programme for improving compliance under the RMA, 19 January</li> </ul>	██████████ National Party	18-O-00346	14 March	21 March
All reports, memorandums, papers, documents, advice, correspondence, notes, emails, or other official information	██████████ National Party	18-O-00375	14 March	21 March

<p>held by your office regarding the EPA chief scientist, Dr Jacqueline Rowarth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•All emails between you and your office regarding the EPA chief scientist.</li> <li>•All emails between your office and the Chief Executive of the Environmental Protection Authority regarding the EPA chief scientist.</li> <li>•All emails between your office and the Chair of the Environmental Protection Authority regarding the EPA chief scientist.</li> </ul>				
I request a copy of the briefing update on the Waimea Dam (Freshwater Improvement Fund project).	██████████ National Party	18-O-00362	14 March	21 March

## 9.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
<p>I request all information, documents, and correspondence held by the Ministry of the Environment relating to:</p> <p>A) the benefit of irrigation and water storage projects to New Zealand; and</p> <p>B) irrigation and water storage as a method of climate adaptation for both domestic and/or rural populations; and</p> <p>C) the environmental, economic, and social impacts of irrigation and/or water storage; and</p> <p>D) any other information held by the Ministry that relates to irrigation and water storage in New Zealand that has been commissioned, received, or conducted by the Ministry since 2007, and that is not otherwise covered by this request.</p>	██████████ FYI.org.nz	17-D-01614		30 January – team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.
<p>I request all information, documents, and correspondence relating to the environmental impact of tourism in New Zealand that has been conducted, commissioned, and/or received by the Ministry for the Environment since 2012</p>	██████████ FYI.org.nz	17-D-01615		31 January - team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.
<p>Can MFE tell me how much funding the Iwi Leaders Forum/Chairs organisation has received from the ministry?</p> <p>What has this money been used for?</p> <p>Does MFE know the value for money it's gotten for this funding?</p>	██████████ TVNZ	18-D-00080		16 February

<p>Are there individuals contracted by the Forum to do work for it but paid for by the ministry?</p> <p>How much have these individuals been paid?</p> <p>I understand one of the individuals is Willie Te Aho...is this correct? How much has he been paid?</p> <p>What work has he been completed?</p> <p>Can this data be broken down by year...going back five years please?</p> <p>Would someone be able to call me about whether these questions are able to be answered by February 1?</p>				
<p>I'd like to please be sent a copy of the contract awarded by the Ministry for the Environment to Waste Management New Zealand under the Waste Minimisation Fund, as listed here:  <a href="http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/waste-minimisation-fund/profiles-of-funded-projects/tackling-problem-of-used-tyres-new">http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/waste-minimisation-fund/profiles-of-funded-projects/tackling-problem-of-used-tyres-new</a></p> <p>It would be helpful to be sent any additional documents (via email) that the Ministry can give me regarding its contracts or business relationship with Waste Management New Zealand regarding tackling the problem of used tyres and waste minimisation."</p>	<p>██████████  Fairfax Media</p>	<p>18-D-00097</p>		<p>26 February</p>
<p>A copy of the legal opinion the EPA had done on waste oil.</p>	<p>██████████  Salters Cartage Ltd</p>	<p>18-D-00233</p>		<p>2 March</p>
<p>I request a PDF copy of any advice you provided to your minister in the life of the last parliament on the economic cost of climate change as measured as a percentage of GDP both in New Zealand and globally.</p>	<p>██████████  Social Media/Taxpayers Union</p>	<p>18-D-00214</p>		<p>5 March</p>
<p>1.a breakdown of all costs incurred by the Ministry in relation to Ms Richardson's "handover" (including any koha in relation to the Powhiri);</p> <p>2.a list of attendees of the "handover";</p> <p>3.what precisely the "handover" consisted of;</p> <p>4.all communications between the Council and the Ministry in relation to organising the "handover"</p> <p>5.whether these events are usual practise at the Ministry.</p>	<p>██████████</p>	<p>18-D-00206</p>		<p>6 March</p>

## Appendix 1 - Additional Select Committee Annual Review Questions

**107.** We note the Auditor-General has recommended improvements to the Ministry for the Environment's management control environment, financial information systems and controls, and service performance information and associated systems and controls.

What action has been taken or is planned to address these recommendations?

**108.** The Committee notes that the Ministry is reviewing the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme to ensure it contributes effectively towards meeting New Zealand's climate change targets agreed to under the Paris Agreement.

What are the timelines for and what progress has been made in the Ministry's review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme?

**109.** The Committee notes that the Ministry has identified "supporting resilient communities through climate change adaptation" as one of three priority policy areas for the Ministry in the immediate future.

What work programmes does the Ministry have in place, and how is the Ministry working with other agencies to give effect to this priority policy area?

**110.** The Committee notes that the Ministry is working across government agencies to establish a "transition hub" to provide advice on how New Zealand can transition to a low emissions economy.

What progress has been made in establishing a climate change "transition hub"?

**111.** The Committee notes that the Ministry has completed a review of the progress that each regional council has made to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

What does the review of the implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management tell us about the progress regional councils are making in implementing the NPS and the key issues councils are facing in the implementation of the NPS?

**112.** The Committee notes that the Ministry is focussing on supporting good management practice in the urban and rural sectors to support improvements in freshwater quality.

How is the Ministry supporting good management practice in the urban and rural sectors to support improvements in freshwater quality?

What impacts is the Ministry seeking to achieve through this work?

**113.** The Committee notes that the Ministry has started work on developing a better allocation system for freshwater

What is the Ministry's work programme and timing for advice to Government on developing a better allocation system for freshwater?

**114.** The Committee notes that the Ministry has already invested around \$350 million in water clean-up and will invest another \$100 million over 10 years.

How are the impacts from these investments measured?

What reporting is required from the organisations who receive funding for water clean-up activities?

**115.** The Committee notes that the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity has been in effect for over a year.

Could you please update the Committee on the progress that councils have made in achieving the targets set in the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity?

**116.** The Committee understands that the Ministry has a priority policy area of "developing fit-for-purpose systems and incentives to ensure liveable cities for the future".

What is the Ministry's work programme to give effect to this priority?

**117.** The Committee notes that the Ministry will be taking a different approach to delivering its strategy through to 2021 focussing on taking a "policy plus" and "partnering with purpose" approach.

What actions is the Ministry taking to ensure that it can deliver on this new model of working, including the establishment of any business systems required and staff capability building?

**118.** Please provide an update on the National Policy Statements and National Environmental Standards that are currently under development.

**119.** Please provide an update on the Ministry's work on climate change adaption.

**120.** Please provide an update on MfE's work in decommissioning oil and gas structures in New Zealand's EEZ.

**121.** Please provide an update on the Havelock North water inquiry.

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

For the week starting 12 March 2018

### Environment weekly meeting 10.15am – 10.55am, Monday 12 March

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3.	Tiwai point	Shaun Lewis	Verbal update	10
4.	Kigali	Natasha Lewis	Verbal update	10

### Actions from previous meeting

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#### 1. Water

- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

#### 2. PFAS

- MfE exploring options for centralising testing, including transfer of supporting funds. Request to update Cabinet on costs

#### 3. Kigali

- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

## Upcoming meetings

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### *Week 12 - 23 March*

<b>12 March</b>	10.30am	MfE officials weekly meeting
	4.00pm	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
	7.00pm	Dinner with Board of Fertiliser Association
<b>13 March</b>		Tasman District Council
<b>14 March</b>		Horizons Regional Council visit
<b>19 March</b>	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting and discussion on your approach to the Environment Cabinet Committee
<b>20 March</b>	8am	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
		with Ministers Twyford, Jones and Sage.
	3.30pm	Parker and Sage weekly meeting (Environment and OIO)
<b>21 March</b>	5.00pm	Environment Cabinet Committee
<b>22 March</b>	11.00am	World Water Day school visit
<b>23 March</b>	11.15am	New Zealand Planning Institute Conference in Tauranga: Panel discussion with Minister Twyford
<b>23 March</b>	12.15pm	Meeting with Bay of Plenty Regional Council to discuss spatial planning

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## 2. Actions and decisions

### 2.1. Meeting of the Environment Ministers, Friday 27 April 2018, Melbourne, Australia

The seventh Meeting of the Australian Environment Ministers (MEM) has been rescheduled to 27 April in Melbourne, Australia. The MEM was originally scheduled for 15 December 2017 (2017-B-03944), and at the time you transferred your invitation to Minister Sage.

The MEM is a convenient opportunity to meet and interact with Ministerial counterparts, discuss environmental issues of mutual importance and support the highly significant bilateral relationship. In the past, New Zealand has had the chance to request a short speaking opportunity during the Meeting to present on a new policy or area of mutual interest. We are able to explore this option with Australia if it's something that you would like to do.

If you decide to attend this meeting, Ministry for the Environment officials will work closely with your office to put together a programme of relevant side meetings, to take advantage of the trip. MFAT and NZTE can also arrange additional calls in Melbourne in your other portfolio areas if that was of interest to you. If you decide not to attend, Minister Frydenberg has asked you to consider sending a representative in your place.

An agenda for the MEM is not yet available, but traditionally items of interest to New Zealand have included biodiversity, resource management, waste management and climate change.

*Do you wish to attend the MEM on 27 April 2018 in Melbourne?*

**Yes/No**

*Do you wish to request that New Zealand take the floor for a brief presentation during the MEM?*

**Yes/No**

## 3. Updates for noting

### 3.1. Update on the Te Waikoropupū water conservation order

Officials wrote to you on 21 February recommending a replacement member for the Special Tribunal hearing a water conservation order application on the Te Waikoropupū Springs. You selected Kevin Prime from the shortlist.

We will provide your office with a Cabinet paper this week, seeking agreement to appoint Kevin Prime to the Special Tribunal. This will follow interdepartmental consultation with the Department of Conservation, Te Puni Kōkiri, and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The next APH meeting where you may present this Cabinet paper is Wednesday 21 March.


On 26 February, the Special Tribunal extended the submissions period by two weeks, due to the impact of ex-tropical cyclone Gita on the Nelson and Tasman regions. Submissions now close on 14 March, with the hearing beginning in mid-April. This extension should allow for the new member to have sufficient time to prepare for the hearing if their appointment is approved by the APH Committee on 21 March.

### **3.2. Central government's engagement on Auckland Council's draft Development Strategy**

Auckland Council has produced a draft of the new Auckland Plan 2050, which includes a Development Strategy that sets out how Auckland will grow and change over the next 30 years. It is being consulted on from 28 February and 28 March 2018, and is scheduled for adoption in June 2018. The Council is holding a series of workshops over March with central government agencies (MfE, MBIE, Treasury, DIA, MoT, NZTA, HNZA, MoE). The purpose of the workshops is to examine the Council's draft Development Strategy and to seek as much alignment as possible with the Urban Growth Agenda and to ensure compliance with the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity (NPS-UDC).

The draft Development Strategy states that it complies with the future development strategy requirements of the NPS-UDC, including that it has been informed by the Housing and Business Development Capacity Assessment that Council has previously prepared and submitted to MfE\MBIE.

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The next workshop is 12/13 March, following which we will provide you a progress update and will report back to you on progress towards compliance with the NPS-UDC, including with advice about next steps if needed.

### **3.3. Options for the Green Ribbon Awards**

In the past, the Ministry for the Environment and the Department of Conservation have jointly run the Green Ribbon Awards. These awards have been running for 25 years and recognise outstanding contributions made by individuals, communities, and organisations to protect and manage New Zealand's environment.

Historically, finalists have been invited to a formal dinner on a date near World Environment Day in June, held at the Banquet Hall in Parliament Buildings where the winners are announced. The Department and the Ministry both contribute around \$50,000 each to this joint event.

The Awards receive a reasonable number of entries (140 last year) and are well regarded by some sectors, particularly community groups. They receive some media coverage. However, both organisations feel that more could be done to leverage our investment.

We are proposing to review our previous activity to make sure the Awards represent value for money, achieve the desired outcomes and are aligned to current Government priorities. The review will pay particular attention to how we can make these awards more appealing to business and more cost effective to maximise the investment.

A meeting between DoC and MfE is scheduled next week to initiate discussions on the planning and direction of Green Ribbon Awards for 2018. Recommendations on options for 2018 will be provided following that meeting.

#### 4. Briefing notes

12 March – 23 March

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Date due to your office
Update for visit to Horizons Regional Council	MfE	An update on the Horizons Regional Council One Plan, the Horizons case study, and PFAS issues prior to your meeting with Horizons Regional Council 14 March 2018	12 March
Seeking Government Position on Mangrove Management Bill	MfE	This briefing seeks your in principle position on whether two district councils should be allowed to undertake mangrove management activities without being subject to the RMA	14 March
Options for making changes to the RMA	MfE	Initial advice on options to amend the Resource Management Act 1991	15 March
New Zealand Planning Institute Conference	MfE	Speaking notes for panel discussion with Minister Twyford at the NZPI conference on 23 March	15 March
Notes for attendance at Resource Management Law Association event	MfE	Speaking notes for Resource Management Law Association event on 28 March	15 March
Proposed Taranaki and Hawkes Bay iwi regional environment forums	MfE	Provides background on the proposed forum to be held in Taranaki and the Hawkes Bay this year and seek the Ministers interest and availability to attend.	19 March
Pro-Growth Planning Work Programme	MfE	Provides a summary of the work programme, giving clarity and assurance that your policy goals are being addressed.	22 March
Draft Estimates 2018/19 and Supplementary Estimates 2017/18 (near final) for your review	MfE	Draft Estimates 2018/19 and Supplementary Estimates 2017/18 (near final) have been prepared for your review. You will receive final copies for sign off on 11 April, due to be submitted to the Minister of Finance by 12 April.	23 March

5. Cabinet material being prepared for you

12 March – 6 April

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Approval of policy decisions in relation to cost recovery of Boards of Inquiry and approval to introduce an EEZ Act Amendment Bill to the House		Seeks Cabinet approval to amend the EEZ Act to provide for cost recovery provisions in relation to Boards of Inquiry appointed by the Minister under the EEZ Act and to introduce an EEZ Act Amendment Bill to the House	<p><b>Due to lodge:</b> 22 March</p> <p><b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 26 March</p>
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Urban Growth Agenda	CBC	This paper will outline the objectives and approach to implementing the Urban Growth Agenda.	<p><b>Due to you:</b> 29 March</p> <p><b>Due to lodge:</b> 12 April</p> <p><b>Due to Cabinet Business Committee:</b> 17 April</p>
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Proposed Policy for Decommissioning Regulations in the Exclusive Economic Zone	TBC	The Cabinet Paper seeks approval for the release of a public discussion document on "Proposed regulations for decommissioning plans under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012. Regulations are needed in order for amendments to the EEZ Act on decommissioning to apply and to provide sufficient detail for the decommissioning process to operate effectively.	<b>Due to you:</b> TBC <b>Due to lodge:</b> TBC <b>Due to Cabinet Committee:</b> TBC

## 6. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our feelings on the paper
Ministry of Transport Government Policy Statement	MoT	TBC	<p>The Ministry of Transport (MoT) is reviewing the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) for 2018. The proposed GPS strategic priorities are: Safety; Access; Environment; and Value for Money.</p> <p>Public engagement is expected to occur in March-April 2018. Compared to earlier drafts, the draft GPS for engagement has a greater focus on environmental and social outcomes.</p> <p>The draft GPS for engagement and accompanying Cabinet paper were expected to be lodged for consideration this week, but the timing of the paper has been delayed. We will provide an update when we have a revised timeframe.</p>
Government Response to Havelock North Drinking-Water Inquiry	MoH and DIA	DEV	<p>The Ministers for Health and Local Government have drafted an updated Cabinet paper that addresses the Government response to the Havelock North Drinking-Water Inquiry. You are expected to receive a copy of the Cabinet paper for feedback in the week beginning 12 March.</p> <p>We provided advice to you in February regarding the recommendations that relate to your Environment Portfolio. Our advice remains unchanged and we recommend you support the proposed plan for the Government response to the recommendations of Havelock North Drinking-Water Inquiry as outlined in the Cabinet paper.</p>
Ahuriri Hapū Claims Settlement Bill: Approval For Introduction	Office of Treaty Settlements	LEG	<p>The Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) are proposing the Cabinet Legislation Committee approve the Ahuriri Hapū Claims Settlement Bill (the Bill) for introduction into Parliament as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Bill gives effect to the Deed of Settlement and Deeds to Amend (together the Deed) entered into by the Crown and Ahuriri Hapū. Ahuriri Hapū is one of the six Ngāti Kahungunu large natural groupings and are based in and around Napier. The Ahuriri Hapū Deed of Settlement was signed with the Crown on 2 November 2016 and Deeds to Amend were signed on 24 February 2017 and 13 June 2017.</p> <p>Drafting of the Bill is complete. OTS are seeking approval to introduce the Bill and propose it be introduced on the first available date after Cabinet approval. OTS proposes the Bill be referred to the Māori Affairs Committee following first reading to be enacted, if possible, by December 2018. The Bill has a priority 4 (bills to be passed under extended sitting hours) classification in the 2018 Legislative Programme.</p> <p>We are supportive of the paper and requested OTS keep the Ministry informed of the progression of the paper and the Bill.</p>

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Crown Minerals Amendment Bill 2018	MBIE	LEG	This paper seeks approval to introduce a Bill aimed at removing regulatory duplication, gaps, errors and inconsistencies in the Crown Minerals Act. The amendments are not substantial policy changes. We are not opposed to any of the amendments and, in principle, support improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the CMA.

## 7. Engagement

### 7.1. Key issues in the media

- Staff reported an Auckland fish and chip shop owner intends to make use of a resource consent to take water from a Hawkes Bay aquifer for water bottling.
- In an opinion piece in NZ Herald, Grant McLachlan, environmental and infrastructure specialist, criticised Auckland Council planners for not following the Auckland Unitary Plan. He said that resource consents with adverse effects on other properties are being deemed “less than minor” and are therefore not notified.
- Newsroom reported that there is now strong public support for ‘City Deals’, which have been used in the UK, that would grant councils wide-ranging powers. The article reported that Wellington City Council is lobbying the Government for “a unique deal that could see the Crown return GST revenue and grant the Council stronger powers to acquire development land”.
- PFAS media coverage continues, and is currently focused on the NZDF bases at Devonport and Whenuapai.

## 8. Official Information Act requests

### 8.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
Please provide all documents and correspondence received since December 4, 2017 which refer to the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary.	[REDACTED] National Party	18-O-00335	8 March	14 March
Any reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire on 19 December 2017-B-04078 Regional council progress towards Freshwater NPS implementation. 21 December 17-B-03929 Biodiversity – Collaborative Group and System work (Ref reply to WQ 799)	[REDACTED]	18-O-00359	8 March	15 March

<p>Under the OIA, can I please request the briefings entitled “Establishing the Housing Commission and legislating to empower complex urban development projects”, “Establishing a national urban development authority”, “National policy statement on urban development capacity - release of further guidance and new price efficiency indicators”, “Urban growth agenda proposed scope and approach”, “Meeting note for Housing and Urban Development Ministers meeting, 19 December 2017”, “Oral Cabinet item: Letter to Mayor Goff about urban growth partnership process with Auckland Council”, “Update on progress toward developing first set of national planning standards”, “Your role in urban areas” and “Information on the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity”.</p>	<p>██████████ ACT Party</p>	<p>18-O-00378</p>	<p>13 March</p>	<p>20 March</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet Paper on Government Response to Havelock North Inquiry, 2 February</li> <li>• Manifesto Initiatives for Budget 2018 – Environment, 25 January; Budget 2018 Reprioritisation Initiatives – Environment, 25 January</li> <li>• Environment Weekly Update, 24 November; Environment Weekly Update, 30 November</li> <li>• Status of Ouvea Premix stockpiles in Southland, 12 January</li> <li>• Proposed work programme for improving compliance under the RMA, 19 January</li> </ul>	<p>██████████ National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00346</p>	<p>14 March</p>	<p>21 March</p>
<p>All reports, memorandums, papers, documents, advice, correspondence, notes, emails, or other official information held by your office regarding the EPA chief scientist, Dr Jacqueline Rowarth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•All emails between you and your office regarding the EPA chief scientist.</li> <li>•All emails between your office and the Chief Executive of the Environmental Protection Authority regarding the EPA chief scientist.</li> <li>•All emails between your office and the Chair of the Environmental Protection Authority regarding the EPA chief scientist.</li> </ul>	<p>██████████ National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00375 (Minister Sage responding on your behalf)</p>	<p>14 March</p>	<p>21 March</p>
<p>I request a copy of the briefing update on the Waimea Dam (Freshwater Improvement Fund project).</p>	<p>██████████ National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00362</p>	<p>14 March</p>	<p>21 March</p>

## 8.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
<p>I request all information, documents, and correspondence held by the Ministry of the Environment relating to:</p> <p>A) the benefit of irrigation and water storage projects to New Zealand; and</p> <p>B) irrigation and water storage as a method of climate adaptation for both domestic and/or rural populations; and</p> <p>C) the environmental, economic, and social impacts of irrigation and/or water storage; and</p> <p>D) any other information held by the Ministry that relates to irrigation and water storage in New Zealand that has been commissioned, received, or conducted by the Ministry since 2007, and that is not otherwise covered by this request.</p>	<p>█ FYI.org.nz</p>	17-D-01614		30 January – team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.
<p>I request all information, documents, and correspondence relating to the environmental impact of tourism in New Zealand that has been conducted, commissioned, and/or received by the Ministry for the Environment since 2012</p>	<p>█ FYI.org.nz</p>	17-D-01615		31 January - team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.
<p>Can MFE tell me how much funding the Iwi Leaders Forum/Chairs organisation has received from the ministry?</p> <p>What has this money been used for?</p> <p>Does MFE know the value for money it's gotten for this funding?</p> <p>Are there individuals contracted by the Forum to do work for it but paid for by the ministry?</p> <p>How much have these individuals been paid?</p> <p>I understand one of the individuals is Willie Te Aho...is this correct? How much has he been paid?</p> <p>What work has he been completed?</p> <p>Can this data be broken down by year...going back five years please?</p> <p>Would someone be able to call me about whether these questions are able to be answered by February 1?</p>	<p>█ TVNZ</p>	18-D-00080		16 February
<p>I'd like to please be sent a copy of the contract awarded by the Ministry for the Environment to Waste Management New Zealand under the Waste Minimisation Fund, as listed here:</p>	<p>█ Fairfax Media</p>	18-D-00097		26 February

<p><a href="http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/waste-minimisation-fund/profiles-of-funded-projects/tackling-problem-of-used-tyres-new">http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/waste-minimisation-fund/profiles-of-funded-projects/tackling-problem-of-used-tyres-new</a></p> <p>It would be helpful to be sent any additional documents (via email) that the Ministry can give me regarding its contracts or business relationship with Waste Management New Zealand regarding tackling the problem of used tyres and waste minimisation.”</p>				
<p>A copy of the legal opinion the EPA had done on waste oil.</p>	<p>██████████ Salters Cartage Ltd</p>	<p>18-D-00233</p>		<p>2 March</p>
<p>I request a PDF copy of any advice you provided to your minister in the life of the last parliament on the economic cost of climate change as measured as a percentage of GDP both in New Zealand and globally.</p>	<p>██████████ Social Media/Taxpayers Union</p>	<p>18-D-00214</p>		<p>5 March</p>

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

For the week starting 19 March 2018

### Environment weekly meeting 8.00am – 9.00am Tuesday 20 March

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment  
 Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment  
 Penny Nelson, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Performance, Innovation & Climate  
 Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water  
 Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Resource Management  
 Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance  
 James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers  
 Natasha Lewis, Director, Stewardship  
 Katherine Wilson, Director Resource Management

	Agenda Item	Lead	Mins
1.	Water Ministers meeting	Cheryl Barnes	5
2.	Urban Development Authorities	Amanda Moran	15
3.	Budget 2018 update on bids	Claire Richardson	10
4.	PFAS	Claire Richardson	10
5.	NES Plantation Forestry	Amanda Moran/Katherine Wilson	5
6.	Environment Cabinet Committee	Cheryl Barnes	15

### Upcoming meetings

#### Week 19 - 30 March

- 20 March** MfE officials weekly meeting and discussion on your approach to the Environment Cabinet Committee  
 Parker and Sage weekly meeting (Environment and OIO)  
 Environment Cabinet Committee
- 21 March** Natural Resources budget meeting  
 Mayor Steve Chadwick, Geoff Williams CE of Rotorua Lakes Council
- 22 March** Forestry Ministers meeting  
 Speaking to MfE Water Directorate.  
 World Water Day school visit  
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- 23 March** Meeting on decision-making framework with Ministers Twyford, Jones and Sage  
 Minister Sage re high country tenure review  
 New Zealand Planning Institute Conference in Tauranga: Panel discussion with Minister Twyford
- 26 March** MfE officials meeting  
 Ministers Parker and Sage weekly meeting (Environment and OIO)  
 Housing Ministers meeting with the Prime Minister
- 28 March** Speaking to the RMLA
- 29 March** Minister Twyford on Urban Growth Agenda Cabinet paper  
 Marine Ministers meeting

# 1. Progress towards Government's strategic priorities

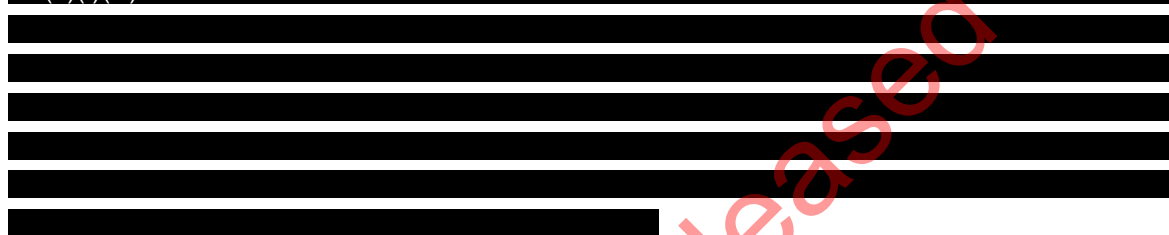
## 1.1. Climate Change

### *Zero Carbon Bill*

The next Cabinet committee meeting for the Zero Carbon Bill is the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV) on March 20. This will focus on the terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee. The Minister for Climate Change consulted you on this in the week beginning February 12. The focus of the consultation was the terms of reference for the climate change public sector board of Chief Executives (CE Board) and terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee.

## 1.2. Urban

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# 2. Updates for noting

## 2.1. RMA Guidance – Streamlined Planning Process and Mana Whakahono ā Rohe: Iwi Participation Arrangements

As part of our guidance programme to support councils and iwi, we are publishing two new technical guidelines focusing on the plan making process. These are for the Streamlined Planning Process and Mana Whakahono ā Rohe: Iwi Participation Arrangements (Mana Whakahono). The Streamlined Planning Process guidance is to assist councils to make a request to the Minister for a streamlined planning process. It explains the streamlined planning process, including altered decision and appeal processes, and encourages councils to talk to the Ministry for the Environment or the Department of Conservation (in the case of a regional coastal plan) before making a request. The guidance has been informed by council practitioners and experiences from the recently approved Bay of Plenty and Hastings streamlined planning processes. The guidance is to be released on Tuesday 20 March.

The Mana Whakahono guidance is aimed at both tangata whenua groups and local authorities. It covers the basics of the Mana Whakahono process including guidance for developing a Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreement, arranging the hui, content matters, timeframes, resolving disputes and review/monitoring. MfE officials and the Iwi Advisors Group (IAG) have co-drafted the guidance and the drafting is based on input from local authority staff and iwi and hapū members (including Te Pae Urungi/council-Maori liaison staff network and the Federation of Māori Authorities). This guidance will be released by the Ministry in early April 2018.

We will provide your office a copy of both guidance documents for you information and they will be made available on the Ministry for the Environment's website.

**2.2. Land and Water Forum Update**

The Forum held a Small Group meeting on Friday 9 March, to continue to work through their response to the questions that you requested their input on. The Chair of the Forum, Hugh Logan, is positive about the progress the Forum is making towards providing you with advice by the end of May.

You requested an update on whether Forest and Bird and Fish and Game, both of whom left the Forum, are participating in the current work being undertaken. The Chair has been in contact with Forest and Bird and informs us they receive Small Group papers and are feeding their views through. He intends to meet with Fish and Game shortly.

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

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**2.4. Office of the Auditor-General – draft first audit on water measuring regulations received for comment**

The Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) is reviewing how a range of organisations are carrying out their roles and responsibilities for water management as part of its work programme in 2017-18. Eight separate audits are being conducted as part of the OAG work programme concerning a number of central and local government agencies. The OAG has provided the Ministry a draft copy of their first audit for comment. This audit is focussed on the implementation of the Resource Management (Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes) Regulations 2010 and use of the data produced by water users, especially irrigators. The audit is due to be tabled in parliament by 30 June, at which time we will provide you a brief on the audit and its recommendations for the Ministry and Regional Councils.

**2.5. s 9(2)(f)(iv) and s9(2)(g)(i)**

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2.6. Cabinet material we have provided advice for

s 9(2)(f)(iv) and s9(2)(g)(i)

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### 3. Briefing notes

19 March - 30 March

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Date due to your office
Pro-Growth Planning Work Programme	MfE	Provides a summary of the work programme, giving clarity and assurance that your policy goals are being addressed.	22 March
Draft regional targets for swimmable lakes and rivers	MfE	To update the Minister about regional council progress in meeting the requirement for them to set draft regional targets for swimmable lakes and rivers by 31 March 2018, with final targets by 31 December 2018, and to provide some information about how this requirement may be affected by the coalition agreement to have higher water quality standards for urban and rural using measurements which take into account seasonal differences.	22 March
Draft Estimates 2018/19 and Supplementary Estimates 2017/18 (near final) for your review	MfE	Draft Estimates 2018/19 and Supplementary Estimates 2017/18 (near final) have been prepared for your review. You will receive final copies for sign off on 11 April, due to be submitted to the Minister of Finance by 12 April.	23 March
Background material for Marine Ministers meeting	MfE	Background material on agenda items to be discussed at Marine Ministers meeting on 27 March	23 March
Auckland Unitary Plan	MfE	Learnings from the plan-making process	26 March
Proposed Taranaki and Hawkes Bay iwi regional environment forums	MfE	Provides background on the proposed forum to be held in Taranaki and the Hawkes Bay this year and seek the Ministers interest and availability to attend.	26 March
Environmental Legal Assistance Fund: Panel Appointment and Criteria	MfE	Seeks to inform you of; panel member re/appointment, the current criteria of the ELA Fund, the opportunity to discuss reviewing the criteria, current data on the allocation of ELA Funding since 2010.	28 March
Infrastructure exceptions to national bottom lines under the Freshwater NPS	MfE	This briefing provides you with information on infrastructure exceptions to national bottom lines under the Freshwater NPS in preparation for a meeting that you have scheduled with Meridian for Thursday 5 April, 2018.	29 March
APH Paper for appointing the Tamarind Resources EEZ Board of Inquiry	MfE	You are to appoint an EEZ Board of Inquiry to decide on Tamarind Resources' notified marine consent application. This briefing accompanies the Cabinet paper detailing his appointment decisions for discussion and noting at APH Committee.	29 March
Meeting note to support discussion on heritage protection	MfE	Provides context for a meeting between you and ICOMOS on heritage protection	29 March
Lake Taupo Protection Project - extension to project term	MfE	Seeking approval to extend the term of the Lake Taupo Protection Project	29 March

#### 4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

19 March – 13 April

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Recommended timeframes
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Special Tribunal For Te Waikoropupū Springs Water Conservation Order Application: Appointment Of Member	APH	This paper seeks agreement to appoint Kevin Prime to the Special Tribunal hearing a water conservation order application on the Te Waikoropupū Springs in Takaka.	<b>Due to Cabinet Appointment and Honours Committee:</b> 21 March <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 26 March
Approval of policy decisions in relation to cost recovery of Boards of Inquiry and approval to introduce an EEZ Act Amendment Bill to the House	Lodging directly to Cabinet	Seeks Cabinet approval to amend the EEZ Act to provide for cost recovery provisions in relation to Boards of Inquiry appointed by the Minister under the EEZ Act and to introduce an EEZ Act Amendment Bill to the House	<b>Due to lodge:</b> 22 March <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 26 March
9(2)(f)(iv)			
Appointing the Tamarind Resources EEZ Board of Inquiry	APH	This is the Cabinet paper outlining your decisions to appoint an EEZ Board of Inquiry for Tamarind Resources' notified marine consent application, which is to be discussed and noted at APH Committee.	<b>Due to lodge:</b> 5 April <b>Due to Appointments and Honours Committee:</b> 11 April <b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 16 April
Urban Growth Agenda	DEV	This joint paper with Minister Twyford will outline the approach to implementing the Urban Growth Agenda.	<b>Due to you:</b> 12 April <b>Due to lodge:</b> 26 April <b>Due to Economic Development Committee:</b> 2 May
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Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Recommended timeframes
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Proposed Policy for Decommissioning Regulations in the Exclusive Economic Zone	TBC	The Cabinet Paper seeks approval for the release of a public discussion document on "Proposed regulations for decommissioning plans under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012. Regulations are needed in order for amendments to the EEZ Act on decommissioning to apply and to provide sufficient detail for the decommissioning process to operate effectively.	<b>Due to you:</b> TBC <b>Due to lodge:</b> TBC <b>Due to Committee:</b> TBC <b>Cabinet</b>

## 5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our feelings on the paper
Central and Local Government Forum 2018	DIA	Economic Development	<p>The Cabinet paper seeks agreement on agenda topics for the Central and Local Government Forum on 10 May 2018, an annual event organised by DPMC, DIA and LGNZ.</p> <p>The focus of the forum is on improving collaboration between central and local government to achieve policy objectives.</p> <p>The agenda topics include climate change, freshwater, housing, regional development and approaches to collaboration.</p> <p>The freshwater agenda topic includes reference to water quality and allocation which we understand has been included upon agreement between LGNZ and the Prime Minister.</p> <p>§ 9(2)(c)(i)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

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I request a copy of the briefing update on the Waimea Dam (Freshwater Improvement Fund project).	██████████ National Party	18-O-00362	14 March	21 March
all weekly briefings received for the "environment" portfolio from the date the government took office to 31 January 2018. If regular briefings are received at an interval other than weekly, I'd like those instead.	██████████ No Right Turn blog	18-O-00494	29 March	6 April
Please provide copies of all the weekly briefings you have received from the Ministry for the Environment since you became Minister for the Environment.	██████████	18-O-00493	4 April	10 April

Please can you advise:

- 1) The basis of the “assume safe after a week” recommendation is unclear is unclear as the 2014 study did not continue long enough to assess when 1080 residue would be removed form trout or the effect of subsequent doses.
- 2) Why the study was based on trout eating a single 1080 bait when it is well established that they can eat many more than this in a single meal- and that trout also eat koura and other food that is likely to contain 1080 in a poisoned area;
- 3) Why no follow up study was done as recommended in the 2014 Cawthron study;
- 4) Where fishers can find up to date information about all 1080 poison use (whether aerial or hand laid) on public and private land;
- 5) How trout fishers are supposed to know a) where 1080 was dropped (as there is no up to date , b) when it was dropped and c) whether any trout they catch swam from an area where 1080 was used
- 6) Why NZ and international fishers are not given more precautionary advice to enable them to make informed decisions about the risk of trout containing 1080 or toxic 1080 metabolites or breakdown products such as fluoro citrate or sodium fluoride;
- 7) Why DoC represents that 1080 is biodegradable and implies it becomes safe when the metabolites and breakdown products of 1080 are known to be toxic and when their cumulative and chronic effects are poorly understood and when 1080 and these products can remain in carcasses and in the flesh of cold blooded species such as trout for extended periods.

Please can you also provide:

- a) copies of all correspondence between DoC and Fish & Game about the design, implementation and reporting of the 2014 1080 in trout study and any other proposed or reported trout studies
- b) Copies of and ethics committee evaluation (as required under the Animal Welfare Act 1999, section 100) which states Ethics Committees have to evaluate:
- (e) whether the design of the experiment or demonstration is such drop.

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## 6.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
I request all information, documents, and correspondence relating to the environmental impact of tourism in New Zealand that has been conducted, commissioned, and/or received by the Ministry for the Environment since 2012	██████████ FYI.org.nz	17-D-01615	31 January - team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.
(a) any application by the OPS for funding by the Environmental Legal Assistance Fund relating to the above appeal and all supporting documents provided with any application; and (b) any communications between Ministry of the Environment employees, OPS's legal representatives and OPS members. 4. If no application for funding has been received can you please advise us if one is made.	██████████ Senior Solicitor, Lane Neave	18-D-00472	3 April
"copies of progress reports submitted by the Project Manager (Dean Olsen) and two facilitators (Mandy Bell and Megan Williams) for their project titled, Lake Wanaka and Upper Clutha Community Water Management Plan. If this is not possible I would like an explanation please"	██████████	18-D-00467	23 April

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

For the week starting 26 March 2018

### Environment weekly meeting 11.00 am – 11.45am, Monday 26 March

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment  
 Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment  
 Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water  
 Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Resource Management  
 Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance  
 James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers  
 Natasha Lewis, Acting Deputy Secretary, Environmental Performance, Innovation and Climate  
 Glenn Wigley, Director Marine Environmental Risk and Science

	Agenda Item	Lead	Paper / verbal update	Mins
1.	Discuss Weekly Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	5
2.	Urban issues	Amanda Moran	Verbal update	10
3.	Water issues	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	10
4.	PFAS	Glenn Wigley	Verbal update	5
5.	Sustainable Wealth Creation Initiative	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	5
6.	Marine Ministers meeting and the EEZ	Glenn Wigley	Verbal update	5
7.	Ratification of the Kigali Amendment	Natasha Lewis	Verbal update	5

### Actions from previous meeting

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#### 2. PFAS

- MoU to set out the two different issues – addressing health risks and addressing public concerns – and plan for testing etc to address these issues
- Request for legal advice on the effect of contaminated water on surrounding land where not using the water

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## Upcoming meetings

### Week 26 March – 6 April

26 March	11.00am	MfE officials meeting
26 March	7.00pm	Housing Ministers meeting with the Prime Minister
27 March	3.30pm	Ministers Parker and Sage weekly meeting (Environment and OIO)
28 March	6.30pm	Speaking to the RMLA
29 March	11.00am	s 9(2)(f)(iv) with Ministers Twyford, Jones and Sage.
29 March	12.00pm	Minister Twyford on Urban Growth Agenda Cabinet paper
29 March	5.00pm	Marine Ministers meeting
3 April	3.30pm	Ministers Parker and Sage weekly meeting (Environment and OIO)
4 April	8.00am	Ministers Twyford and Shaw on climate change and the built environment
5 April	11.15am	MfE officials on possible RMA changes
5 April	12.00pm	Meeting with Dairy NZ
6 April		Visit to West Coast

### Proposed meetings which are not yet confirmed

#### Environment officials meeting

- Discussion on partnerships
- Discussion on addressing externalities in fresh water

## 1. Progress towards Government's strategic priorities


### 1.1. Climate Change

#### *Zero Carbon Bill*

On March 20 the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV) considered the Zero Carbon Bill and focused on the terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee. This goes to Cabinet on March 26. The confirmation of membership of the Climate Change Committee goes to the Appointments and Honours Committee (APH) on April 4, before being considered by Cabinet on April 9.

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### 1.3. Water

#### *Te Waikoropū Springs – Water Conservation Order*

The submissions period for the Te Waikoropū Springs water conservation order closed on Wednesday 14, March. Preliminary statistics from the Environmental Protection Authority (who are providing administration services to the Special Tribunal) indicate that 1455 submissions were received in total. Of these, 1359 submitters (93.4%) support the application, and 63 submitters (4.3%) oppose the application.

The Environmental Protection Authority will now produce a summary of submissions. A pre-hearing conference is scheduled for 11 April with the hearing expected to begin the following week on 17 April.

#### 1.4. **Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council Mangroves Management Bill**

On 14 March, we sought your direction on the *Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki District Council Mangrove Management Bill* in anticipation of the departmental report on the Bill to the Governance and Administration Committee. The local bill seeks to empower the District Councils to remove mangroves without being subject to the Resource Management Act 1991.

On 16 March, the Committee met in Thames to hear submissions on the Bill. During the hearings, Forest and Bird tabled a plan change developed by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council to better manage mangroves as permitted and controlled activities (i.e. within the RMA framework). These provisions have yet to be incorporated into the BOP Regional Coastal Plan. The Committee considered that Waikato Regional Council should develop similar provisions and progress a plan change for this purpose (with the cooperation of the two district councils). The Committee decided to request an extension to the Bill's report back date (yet to be approved), giving time for the Regional Council to introduce a plan change. If the Council does introduce a plan change, the Committee considered that the Bill could be withdrawn

We understand Waikato Regional Council may consider seeking to progress the plan change using the Streamlined Planning Process. We will meet with Council officials to discuss their options. We will keep you informed of progress.

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## 2. Actions and decisions

### 2.1. Proposal to review the Green Ribbon Awards

We are seeking agreement to postpone the 2018 Green Ribbon Awards, so we can do a thorough review of how effective they are, and make sure they line up with Government priorities and offer value for money.

We jointly run the Green Ribbon Awards with the Department of Conservation. They have been going for 25 years and recognise outstanding contributions made by individuals, communities, and organisations to protect and manage New Zealand's environment.

The Awards receive a reasonable number of entries (an average of about 110 a year) but some categories struggle to get enough, credible entries. The Awards are well regarded by some sectors, particularly community groups. They receive a limited amount of media coverage.

Historically, finalists have been invited to a formal dinner on a date near World Environment Day in June held at the Banquet Hall in Parliament Buildings, where the winners are announced. The format hasn't changed for a long time and they follow a very traditional model. Both organisations feel that more could be done to leverage our investment, reach larger and more diverse audiences, and offer greater recognition to those committed to environmental change.

Awards are typically quite resource intensive. The Green Ribbons cost \$100,000 to run and approximately 4 FTE for a period of about five months (excluding time for the judging panel).

We are therefore jointly proposing (with DoC) to postpone the 2018 Awards while we undertake a thorough review, with a view to developing a proposal for a new and improved version in 2019. We would communicate this timeframe to all past winners and entrants to manage expectations.

An alternative option would be to run the Awards later this year, potentially in conjunction with Conservation Week in September. Under this scenario we would not run a thorough review and we would run them along the same lines as the current format.

We will continue to promote inspiring stories of communities and businesses taking action for conservation and the environment through our social media and web channels.

*Do you agree to postpone the Green Ribbons Awards for 2018 while we work to review for 2019?*

**Yes/No**

### 3. Updates for noting

#### 3.1. Release of indicators for the land domain report

Stats NZ released on 20 March an overview of the indicators for ‘Our land 2018’ report to be released on 19 April under the Environmental Reporting programme.

It lists the indicators included in the report and specifies whether they are new, discontinued or updated by comparison to Environment Aotearoa 2015, the last report under the programme to cover land.

The list of indicators can be accessed at <https://www.stats.govt.nz/methods/outline-of-upcoming-indicators-for-our-land-2018>

A briefing providing an overview of the environmental reporting programme, context around the land report, and the links between the indicators and current Government priorities will be provided to your office next week.

#### *Indicators for Our land 2018*

	<b>National indicator</b>	<b>Case study</b>	<b>Supporting information</b>
<b>Pressure</b>	Change in livestock numbers  Land pests	Agricultural and horticultural land use  Use of public conservation land  Change in use of Māori land for primary production	Change in farm numbers and farm size  Irrigated land area  Modelled rat and stoat population responses to mast-seeding events
<b>State</b>	Bird species on public conservation land  Distribution of indigenous trees  Estimated highly erodible land in the North Island  Estimated long-term soil erosion  Land cover	Soil quality and land use  Status of widespread indigenous trees  Wetland extent <sup>1</sup>	Indigenous cover and protection in land environments  Predicted pre-human vegetation  Soil orders
<b>Impact</b>	Pest impacts on indigenous trees	Conservation status of indigenous land species  High-class land for food production  Rare ecosystems	Active sand dune extent

### 3.2. Regional councils releasing draft regional targets for swimmable lakes and rivers

On 27 March you will receive a briefing to update you on regional council progress in setting draft regional targets for swimmable lakes and rivers, and provide some information about the next steps for them in terms of setting final targets by 31 December 2018.


A taskforce comprising staff from central and local government compiled the information needed to draft the targets, including the work underway to improve water quality in terms of human health. The projected improvements in water quality and the associated costs are presented in a report; *Regional information for setting draft targets for swimmable lakes and rivers*, which we intend to release by 29 March. Staff at Northland Regional Council and Taranaki Regional Council expressed concern that the modelled costs of interventions appear low, and disagreed with some of the assumptions underlying the economic model. The economic assessments were provided by Professor Graeme Doole at Waikato University and independently peer reviewed. We are satisfied with the assumptions and methodologies used in the assessment.

Councils have used the analysis in the report to prepare their draft targets which have been considered by councillors over this past month. Councils are on track to meet their obligation, except for Marlborough District Council who will not have their targets confirmed until 5 April.

The draft targets are becoming public as councils consider and decide on them and there has been some low key local media coverage. In Canterbury, the media have reported Dr Mike Joy as saying the council's plans to achieve the target 'lack teeth', while the Taranaki Regional Council has repeated its criticism of the national target and the process.

Local Government NZ and the Ministry propose to issue a media release when the report is published next week, reinforcing that the draft targets are a step in a process and likely to further evolve as councils engage with their communities.

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### 3.3. Budget 2018: Technical Initiative

We have submitted one technical initiative through the Budget 2018 process to increase the Departmental output class: Ministerial Services by \$350,000. The Ministry has collected more information on the costs of the outputs since the March Baseline Update and accordingly updated its internal forecast estimates. This funding is transferred from the Departmental output class: Resource Management Implementation and is fiscally neutral. There are no significant policy issues and no corresponding impact on operating balance or debt.

This is for your information and no action required.

### 3.4. Sustainable Wealth Creation Initiative – 13 March Workshop

On 13 March, 24 business and government leaders had a productive meeting in Auckland for their second Sustainable Wealth Creation workshop. The Sustainable Wealth Creation initiative is focused on government and business leaders working together to change the way we value and manage our natural assets.

At the workshop, facilitated by Sir Jonathon Porritt, Sir Rob Fenwick and Vicky Robertson, agreement was reached to focus on the areas of water, soil, marine, biodiversity, climate change and finance. Some initial opportunities for action were discussed by the group. The group intends to continue looking at actions and may choose to launch the initiative in October 2018. Minister Shaw attended for the last half of the workshop, to hear the group's reflections and share his vision, priorities and ambition for New Zealand.

We are now looking at what governance and operating structures would be needed to support the initiative.

### 3.5. Treasury's 2018 Investment Statement

Treasury's latest Investment Statement has made significant steps towards linking to the wellbeing of NZers, taking an intergenerational view with greater transparency and accountability and the need to look beyond financial capital and balance this with social and natural capital. We have played a strong role in this shift developing indicators for success, and building from our state of our environment reporting and robust policy advice that considers all the capitals.

### 3.6. Cabinet material we have provided advice for

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### *Central and Local Government Forum 2018*

Ministers and agencies are being consulted in parallel on the draft Cabinet paper setting out the proposed format and agenda for the annual Central and Local Government Forum. The Forum (scheduled for 10 May 2018) is an opportunity for Ministers and the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) National Council to focus on significant issues of joint interest. The proposed agenda has five items, all of which fall within, or are closely linked to, the environment portfolio. The agenda items are: How central and local government will work together; Climate change; Regional development; Water; and Housing.

The paper seeks agreement to the Government's priority topics for the Forum agenda, and proposes this include discussion of a more collaborative future approach to central and local government relationships based on a set of principles. We consider the proposed approach aligns with our desired mode of working with local government. Aside from the first agenda item, the other items are domain-based rather than looking at the strategic challenges these issues reflect. We wonder whether this is the best use of this opportunity. In preparation for the forum, we will be working with the Department of Internal Affairs and LGNZ to prepare briefing material for attendees.

The paper is due to be considered by the Economic Development Committee in early April (TBC). We will provide you further support for that meeting.

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#### 4. Briefing notes

26 March – 5 April

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Date due to your office
Draft regional targets for swimmable lakes and rivers	MfE	Provides an update about regional council progress in setting draft regional targets for swimmable lakes and rivers by 31 March 2018, with information about matters affecting their future work on setting final targets.	27 March
Pro-Growth Planning Work Programme	MfE	Provides a summary of the work programme, giving clarity and assurance that your policy goals are being addressed.	27 March
Environmental Legal Assistance Fund: Panel Appointment and Criteria	MfE	Seeks to inform you of; panel member re/appointment, the current criteria of the ELA Fund, the opportunity to discuss reviewing the criteria, current data on the allocation of ELA Funding since 2010.	28 March
Infrastructure exceptions to national bottom lines under the Freshwater NPS	MfE	This briefing provides you with information on infrastructure exceptions to national bottom lines under the Freshwater NPS in preparation for a meeting that you have scheduled with Meridian for Thursday 5 April, 2018.	29 March
APH Paper for appointing the Tamarind Resources EEZ Board of Inquiry	MfE	You are to appoint an EEZ Board of Inquiry to decide on Tamarind Resources' notified marine consent application. This briefing accompanies the Cabinet paper detailing his appointment decisions for discussion and noting at APH Committee.	29 March
Meeting note to support discussion on heritage protection	MfE	Provides context for a meeting between you and ICOMOS on heritage protection	29 March
Lake Taupo Protection Project - extension to project term	MfE	Seeking approval to extend the term of the Lake Taupo Protection Project	29 March
Burkhart Fisheries Ltd	MfE	Background information and possible options for addressing the Ward Beach access issue for Burkhart Fisheries Ltd	29 March
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Ministerial Visit to Taumarunui - Understanding Your New Government meeting with Federated Farmers, 2 – 6pm, 6th April 2018.	MPI	Provides Minister O'Connor with background information for his speech at the Ruapehu Federated Farmers meeting, including background information about excluding stock from water bodies.	29 March

UN Sustainable Development Goals - Next Steps for New Zealand	MfE	To provide an update on the current state of play of New Zealand's implementation of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals ahead of a proposed Cabinet paper.  The purpose of the Briefing Note and Cabinet Paper is to confirm governance and coordination arrangements across the public sector, lead agency(ies) for each goal, when New Zealand will report to the UN, and how the government wishes to incorporate the SDGs into its work.	1 April
Proposed Taranaki and Hawkes Bay iwi regional environment forums	MfE	Provides background on the proposed forum to be held in Taranaki and the Hawkes Bay this year and seek the Ministers interest and availability to attend.	3 April
EPA board appointments 2018 candidate shortlist	MfE	We will provide you and Minister Sage with a shortlist of candidates and our recommendations for the 2018 round of EPA board appointments.	5 April
Waikato Freshwater Visit	MfE	Ministerial visit to launch the Waikato and Waipa Restoration Strategy and meet with the Council and the Healthy Rivers Plan change collaborative Group	5 April

## 5. Cabinet material being prepared for you 26 March – 20 April

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
Special Tribunal For Te Waikoropupū Springs Water Conservation Order Application: Appointment Of Member	APH	This paper seeks agreement to appoint Kevin Prime to the Special Tribunal hearing a water conservation order application on the Te Waikoropupū Springs in Takaka.	<b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 26 March
Approval of policy decisions in relation to cost recovery of Boards of Inquiry and approval to introduce an EEZ Act Amendment Bill to the House		Seeks Cabinet approval to amend the EEZ Act to provide for cost recovery provisions in relation to Boards of Inquiry appointed by the Minister under the EEZ Act and to introduce an EEZ Act Amendment Bill to the House	<b>Due to Cabinet:</b> 3 April
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Appointing the Tamarind Resources EEZ Board of Inquiry	APH	This is the Cabinet paper outlining your decisions to appoint an EEZ Board of Inquiry for Tamarind Resources' notified marine consent application, which is to be discussed and noted at APH Committee.	<b>Due to you:</b> 29 March <b>Due to lodge:</b> 5 April <b>Due to Appointments and Honours Committee:</b> 11 April
Urban Growth Agenda	DEV	This joint paper with Minister Twyford will outline the objectives and approach to implementing the Urban Growth Agenda.	<b>Due to you:</b> 12 April <b>Due to lodge:</b> 26 April <b>Due to Economic Development Committee:</b> 2 May
s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]			
National Direction to support the Resource Management Act: Priorities for 2018-19	TBC	Seeks Cabinet approval to publish a forward agenda to communicate the Government's priorities for the national direction programme over 2018-19.	<b>Due to you:</b> TBC

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Proposed Policy for Decommissioning Regulations in the Exclusive Economic Zone	TBC	The Cabinet Paper seeks approval for the release of a public discussion document on "Proposed regulations for decommissioning plans under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012. Regulations are needed in order for amendments to the EEZ Act on decommissioning to apply and to provide sufficient detail for the decommissioning process to operate effectively.	Due to you: TBC

## 6. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our feelings on the paper
Housing and Urban Strategic Direction	MBIE/MSD	DEV	This paper seeks agreement to the proposed direction and priorities for the Housing and Urban Development programme. We are supportive of the paper. s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
KiwiBuild: definitions, eligibility criteria and the 'buying off the plans' initiative (underwrite)	MBIE	DEV	This paper seeks agreement to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>high level definitions, eligibility criteria and associated processes for the KiwiBuild programme; and</li> <li>establish the KiwiBuild 'Buying off the Plans' initiative as one of four initial priorities.</li> </ul> We have not seen this paper.

## 7. Official Information Act requests

### 7.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
Under the OIA, can I please request the briefings entitled "Establishing the Housing Commission and legislating to empower complex urban development projects", "Establishing a national urban development authority", "National policy statement on urban development capacity - release of further guidance and new price efficiency indicators", "Urban growth agenda proposed scope and approach", "Meeting note for Housing and Urban Development Ministers meeting, 19 December 2017", "Oral Cabinet item: Letter to Mayor Goff about urban growth partnership process with Auckland Council", "Update on progress toward developing first set of national planning standards", "Your role in urban areas" and "Information on the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity".	██████████ ACT Party	18-O-00378	13 March	20 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet Paper on Government Response to Havelock North Inquiry, 2 February</li> <li>• Manifesto Initiatives for Budget 2018 – Environment, 25 January; Budget 2018 Reprioritisation Initiatives – Environment, 25 January</li> <li>• Environment Weekly Update, 24 November; Environment Weekly Update, 30 November</li> <li>• Status of Ouvea Premix stockpiles in Southland, 12 January</li> <li>• Proposed work programme for improving compliance under the RMA, 19 January</li> </ul>	██████████ National Party	18-O-00346	14 March	21 March
I request a copy of the briefing update on the Waimea Dam (Freshwater Improvement Fund project).	██████████ National Party	18-O-00362	14 March	21 March
all weekly briefings received for the "environment" portfolio from the date the government took office to 31 January 2018. If regular briefings are received at an interval other than weekly, I'd like those instead.	██████████ No Right Turn blog	18-O-00494	29 March	6 April
Please provide copies of all the weekly briefings you have received from the Ministry for the Environment since you became Minister for the Environment.	██████████	18-O-00493	4 April	10 April

<p>Please can you advise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The basis of the “assume safe after a week” recommendation is unclear is unclear as the 2014 study did not continue long enough to assess when 1080 residue would be removed form trout or the effect of subsequent doses.</li> <li>2) Why the study was based on trout eating a single 1080 bait when it is well established that they can eat many more than this in a single meal- and that trout also eat koura and other food that is likely to contain 1080 in a poisoned area;</li> <li>3) Why no follow up study was done as recommended in the 2014 Cawthron study;</li> <li>4) Where fishers can find up to date information about all 1080 poison use (whether aerial or hand laid) on public and private land;</li> <li>5) How trout fishers are supposed to know a) where 1080 was dropped (as there is no up to date , b) when it was dropped and c) whether any trout they catch swam from an area where 1080 was used</li> <li>6) Why NZ and international fishers are not given more precautionary advice to enable them to make informed decisions about the risk of trout containing 1080 or toxic 1080 metabolites or breakdown products such as fluoro citrate or sodium fluoride;</li> <li>7) Why DoC represents that 1080 is biodegradable and implies it becomes safe when the metabolites and breakdown products of 1080 are known to be toxic and when their cumulative and chronic effects are poorly understood and when 1080 and these products can remain in carcasses and in the flesh of cold blooded species such as trout for extended periods.</li> </ol> <p>Please can you also provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) copies of all correspondence between DoC and Fish &amp; Game about the design, implementation and reporting of the 2014 1080 in trout study and any other proposed or reported trout studies</li> <li>b) Copies of and ethics committee evaluation (as required under the Animal Welfare Act 1999, section 100) which states Ethics Committees have to evaluate:</li> <li>(e) whether the design of the experiment or demonstration is such drop.</li> </ol>	<p>██████████ Solicitor</p>	<p>18-O-00490</p>	<p>5 April</p>	<p>11 April</p>
<p>Given the change in policy outlined in a recent note by the Ombudsman in regards to 'Free and Frank' information, pursuant to section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 I request A copy of every Weekly Report received by you as Minister for the Environment since 1 February 2018</p>	<p>██████████ National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00548</p>	<p>12 April</p>	<p>19 April</p>

## 7.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
I request all information, documents, and correspondence relating to the environmental impact of tourism in New Zealand that has been conducted, commissioned, and/or received by the Ministry for the Environment since 2012	█ FYI.org.nz	17-D-01615	31 January - team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.
(a) any application by the OPS for funding by the Environmental Legal Assistance Fund relating to the above appeal and all supporting documents provided with any application; and (b) any communications between Ministry of the Environment employees, OPS's legal representatives and OPS members. 4. If no application for funding has been received can you please advise us if one is made.	█ Senior Solicitor, Lane Neave	18-D-00472	3 April
Please can you advise: 1) The basis of the "assume safe after a week" recommendation is unclear as the 2014 study did not continue long enough to assess when 1080 residue would be removed from trout or the effect of subsequent doses. 2) Why the study was based on trout eating a single 1080 bait when it is well established that they can eat many more than this in a single meal- and that trout also eat koura and other food that is likely to contain 1080 in a poisoned area; 3) Why no follow up study was done as recommended in the 2014 Cawthron study; 4) Where fishers can find up to date information about all 1080 poison use (whether aerial or hand laid) on public and private land; 5) How trout fishers are supposed to know a) where 1080 was dropped (as there is no up to date , b) when it was dropped and c) whether any trout they catch swam from an area where 1080 was used 6) Why NZ and international fishers are not given more precautionary advice to enable them to make informed decisions about the risk of trout containing 1080 or toxic 1080 metabolites or breakdown products such as fluoro citrate or sodium fluoride; 7) Why DoC represents that 1080 is biodegradable and implies it becomes safe when the metabolites and breakdown products of 1080 are known to be toxic and when their cumulative and chronic effects are poorly understood and when 1080 and these products can remain in carcasses and in the flesh of cold blooded species such as trout for extended periods.  Please can you also provide: a) copies of all correspondence between DoC and Fish &	█ Solicitor	18-D-00496	11 April

<p>Game about the design, implementation and reporting of the 2014 1080 in trout study and any other proposed or reported trout studies</p> <p>b) Copies of and ethics committee evaluation (as required under the Animal Welfare Act 1999, section 100) which states Ethics Committees have to evaluate:</p> <p>(e) whether the design of the experiment or demonstration is such drop.</p>			
<p>1 Has your department/ministry given funding to Te Arawa River Iwi Trust since 2009/10; if so, how much funding has been provided?</p> <p>2 What was the purpose for which this funding was given?</p> <p>3 What were the outcomes your department/ministry contracted for in providing this funding?</p> <p>4 Was an evaluation completed in relation to this funding/contract? Did the evaluation find the outcomes contracted for had been met?</p> <p>5 Was Te Arawa River Iwi Trust given funding in the 2017/18 financial year? Is Te Arawa River Iwi Trust to be given funding in the 2018/19 financial year?</p> <p>6 Does your department/ministry have a policy on providing funding to organisations when individuals associated with those organisations are under investigation by the Serious Fraud Office? If so, what is that policy?</p>	<p>██████████ ACT Party</p>	<p>18-D-00498</p>	<p>13 April</p>
<p>1.The list of the top ten industries/activities that use freshwater and the estimated water used by each of these industries each year.</p> <p>2.The title of all aide memoires, briefing papers and cabinet papers by the Ministry for the Environment to the Minister for the Environment since 1 October 2017.</p> <p>3.A copy of any papers, briefings or aide memoires relating to the water bottling industry in New Zealand produced by the Ministry for the Environment since 1 January 2017</p> <p>4.Any reports, papers or briefings relating to the introduction of water royalties on the bottling industry, taxes on the export of bottled water or the introduction of charging for the commercial use of water since 1 October 2017.</p>	<p>██████████ NZ Beverage Council</p>	<p>18-D-00542</p>	<p>18 April</p>
<p>I request a copy of all information held at MFE in relation to 'The Nature Conservancy' from 20 March 2017 to 20 March 2018. For clarification this request covers amongst other things emails, correspondence, and all reports.</p>	<p>██████████ CE, NZ Fish and Game Council</p>	<p>18-D-00547</p>	<p>19 April</p>