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National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity Amendment 2025



Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

Authority

This amendment to a National Policy Statement is made by the Minister for the Environment under section 53(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

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1. Title

This is the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity Amendment 2025.

2. Commencement

This amendment to the National Policy Statement comes into force on 15 January 2026.

3. Principal instrument

This instrument amends the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023.

4. Clause 1.6 amended (Interpretation)

Insert new definitions:

ancillary activity means an activity that supports and is subsidiary to a primary activity

quarrying activities means the extraction, processing (including crushing, screening, washing, and blending), transport, storage, sale and recycling of aggregates (clay, silt, rock, sand), the deposition of overburden material, rehabilitation, landscaping and cleanfilling of the quarry, and the use of land and accessory buildings for offices, workshops and car parking areas associated with the operation of the quarry

5. Clause 3.11 amended

In clause 3.11(a)(ii):

- (a) replace “mineral extraction” with “the extraction of minerals and ancillary activities”.
- (b) insert the words “or regional” after “national”.
- (c) Delete the word “public” and delete the words “that could not otherwise be achieved using resources within New Zealand”.

In clause 3.11(a)(iii):

- (a) Replace “aggregate extraction” with “quarrying activities”
- (b) change “provides” to “provide”
- (c) Delete the word “public” and delete the words “that could not otherwise be achieved using resources within New Zealand”.

Made at Wellington on 15 December 2025.

Hon Chris Bishop
For the Minister for the Environment

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