



## Briefing: Policy decisions relating to the National Conservation Policy Statement

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| <b>To</b>             | Minister of Conservation                                           | <b>Date submitted</b> | 13 November 2025 |
| <b>Action sought</b>  | Agree to the content of the National Conservation Policy Statement | <b>Priority</b>       | High             |
| <b>Reference</b>      | 25-B-0350                                                          | <b>DocCM</b>          | DOC-10523150     |
| <b>Security Level</b> | In Confidence                                                      |                       |                  |

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| <b>Risk Assessment</b> | Medium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Timeframe</b> | To meet your legislative timeframes, decisions are sought by 1 December 2025. |
| <b>Attachments</b>     | <b>Attachment A:</b> Matters for decision<br><b>Attachment B:</b> Proposed exempt activities<br><b>Attachment C:</b> Proposed pre-approved activities<br><b>Attachment D:</b> Descriptions of visitor zones<br><b>Attachment E:</b> Proposed pre-assessed activities<br><b>Attachment F:</b> List of Crown activities to be exempted from district resource management rules<br><b>Attachment G:</b> Summary of submissions<br><b>Attachment H:</b> Overview of concession process |                  |                                                                               |

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## Executive summary – Whakarāpopoto ā kaiwhakahaere

1. In June, Cabinet agreed to a suite of changes to modernise conservation land management [**CAB-25-MIN-0213** refers]. Drafting is underway on the Conservation Acts (Land Management) Amendment Bill (the Bill) to implement these changes.
2. You are due to report back to Cabinet in early 2026 on the proposed National Conservation Policy Statement (NCPS), which will give effect to the decisions made by Cabinet.
3. This briefing provides an overview of the NCPS and seeks your decision on its content. This includes new policies to support more streamlined and consistent decision-making and useful policies that are carried over from the existing national policy statements. Matters on which we need your decisions are provided in **Attachment A**.
4. Together, these proposals will reduce administrative and regulatory barriers to economic activity on conservation land by adopting a modern, risk-based approach.
5. Following your feedback on this briefing, we will prepare a Cabinet paper and draft parliamentary paper. The Cabinet paper will seek agreement for the parliamentary paper to be presented to Parliament and referred to the Environment Committee for consideration alongside the Bill in the new year.
6. Cabinet is expected to consider your proposals as early as possible in the new year. To meet this date, **you will need to make decisions by 1 December** ahead of agency and ministerial circulation of a draft Cabinet paper and parliamentary paper.

### We recommend that you ... (Ngā tohutohu)

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| a) | <b>Agree</b> to the recommendations in Attachment A relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exempt and pre-approved activities.</li><li>• The establishment of visitor zones and propose pre-assessed activities.</li><li>• Private accommodation on conservation land.</li><li>• Crown activities exempt from district resource management rules.</li><li>• Allowable content for area plans.</li><li>• Management of specific activities, including a consolidation of existing policies.</li></ul> | See <b>Attachment A</b> . |
| b) | <b>Note</b> officials will prepare a Cabinet paper and parliamentary paper based on your decisions on this briefing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Noted                     |

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**Minister of Conservation**

## Purpose – Te aronga

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1. This paper seeks your agreement on the content of the first National Conservation Policy Statement (NCPS).
2. You are due to report back to Cabinet on the proposed NCPS as soon as possible in the new year, ahead of planned introduction of the Conservation Acts (Land Management) Amendment Bill (the Bill) in early 2026.

## Background and context – Te horopaki

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3. On 30 June 2025, Cabinet agreed to a suite of changes to reform conservation land management [**CAB-25-MIN-0213** refers] including the following:
  - the two existing national policy statements (Conservation General Policy and General Policy for National Parks) will be replaced with a single NCPS;
  - the existing conservation management strategies, national park management strategies and conservation management plans will be replaced with a single layer of area plans; and
  - specifying “classes” of activities, e.g. “exempt” and “pre-approved” activities that either do not need a concession or to enable faster processing of concessions.
4. Cabinet also invited you to report back on policies for the new NCPS which will unlock economic activity within appropriate constraints.
5. In July 2025, you and joint Ministers agreed to consultation on proposals for the NCPS. The Department of Conservation (DOC) carried out targeted engagement in August 2025.
6. A summary of consultation feedback and our responses is included in **Attachment G**.
7. In this paper we provide an overview of the NCPS with specific policy decisions required by you included in **Attachment A**.

## The proposals in this paper will unlock economic activity within appropriate constraints

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8. The purpose of the NCPS is to provide national policy direction for the implementation of conservation legislation.
9. Overall, compared to the current system, the NCPS will regulate fewer of DOC's functions (focussing on authorisations), remove up to 40% of concessions through exemptions and pre-approvals, provide an indication to potential applicants about where activities are likely to be approved, and provide clearer direction to what area plans can contain. **Attachment H** outlines the concessions process in the proposed new system.
10. The area plans will implement the NCPS at place. They will be simpler than the status quo by focussing on concise descriptions of values, objectives and pressures at place and will contain policies focussed on authorisations.
11. Alongside provisions in the legislation, e.g. clear and concise review processes, these proposed changes will significantly simplify the system, making it easier, faster and more certain for users, thereby unlocking economic activity.
12. Below is more detail about these proposals. The policy decisions to give effect to these are in **Attachment A**.

***The NCPS will contain clear, concise rules***

13. Existing national policy statements contain policies on a broad range of DOC's functions which duplicate legislation, are applied inconsistently, and direct DOC's work ineffectively (both committing to outcomes DOC cannot deliver and cutting across DOC's operational planning). This creates uncertainty for users.
14. To meet the objectives of the reform, the NCPS will provide policies that are predominantly focussed on authorisations and directing area plan content. This means policies which explicitly direct DOC operational activities are removed as well as policies that repeat legislation or are duplicative.

***Describing activities that will be exempt and pre-approved and any necessary terms and conditions***

15. Cabinet agreed the NCPS will exempt some activities from needing a concession, and that other activities will be pre-approved, allowing for automated processing of concession applications for these activities.
16. In July 2025, you approved a framework for class concessions, including the conditions that must be met for all exempt and pre-approved activities, and factors that must be considered in determining whether to pre-approve a particular activity [25-B-0292 refers].
17. Classifying low-risk activities as pre-approved or exempt is estimated to remove approximately 30-40% of applications per year from the concession processing pipeline.
18. In July, DOC consulted on a proposed list of activities for pre-approval or exemption. Following consultation, we have now refined the list of activities proposed for inclusion in the NCPS, including appropriate terms and conditions (**Attachments B and C**).

***The NCPS can speed up concessions and signal where key economic activities can occur***

19. There is an opportunity to use zoning to speed up decision-making for other activities undertaken on conservation land (i.e. those that are not pre-approved or exempt).
20. In July, we consulted on:
  - pre-assessing some activities against different land classifications; and
  - establishing "visitor zones" to standardise the assessment of effects on recreation and tourism (an overview of these zones is provided in **Attachment D**).
21. We propose pre-assessing a set of higher-impact activities (i.e. that are not appropriate for exemption or pre-approval) for consistency with land classifications and visitor zones. For the first NCPS, we propose a set of 26 moderately sized, economically significant activities for pre-assessment (**Attachment E**).
22. The purpose of these tools is to provide more certainty about where key activities are likely to be allowed, and to speed up application processing. However, we recommend DOC retain appropriate ability to decline applications or set appropriate terms and conditions for any "green" pre-assessment, as pre-assessment relates to only some of the factors that decision-makers are required to take into account when considering an application. For instance, DOC still needs to consider the impacts on cultural and biodiversity values (which are articulated in the relevant area plans).

23. The bar for DOC to decline a “green” pre-assessed application would become much higher. DOC would need to provide a strong rationale for declining any green activities, shifting the onus from applicants needing to demonstrate why an activity is appropriate to DOC needing to demonstrate why an activity would be inappropriate in that specific situation.
24. Signalling where these activities are likely to be appropriate could encourage more applications and supports the objective of unlocking economic growth on conservation land.

#### ***Other changes to streamline permissions processes***

25. The NCPS will clarify the following matters:
  - ***What an area plan can provide direction on:*** Cabinet agreed the NCPS can specify what content an area plan can include. This will reduce variability between plans, making plan interpretation less cumbersome and will speed up decision-making.
  - ***The approach to private accommodation on conservation land:*** A more reasonable and consistent approach to the management of private accommodation on conservation land provides more certainty to private accommodation owners.
  - ***When Crown activities should be exempt from district resource management rules:*** Cabinet agreed the NCPS and area plans can list activities that will be exempt from requiring a permit under the Resource Management Act 1991. This will reduce administrative costs for DOC and provide clarity to territorial authorities.

#### ***Simplifying the policies that guide management of specific activities***

26. The NCPS will include policies that guide management of specific activities on conservation land, such as access/use by dogs, and grazing. It will also include policies that support the implementation of conservation functions other than concessions. For example, policies relating to recreational hunting and authorisations for interactions with wildlife off public conservation land. Some of these policies have been carried over from the existing general policies.
27. We have assessed the existing national policies and removed those that duplicate existing legislation, bylaws or zoning, are more appropriate as operational policies, or do not provide clearer direction to inform decision-making.
28. This will simplify the NCPS and area plans and reduce the number of general policies from around 350 to approximately 50 (exact number is dependent on drafting).

#### **Risk assessment – Aronga tūraru**

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29. Your decisions on the content of this paper are required by 1 December for the Cabinet paper and parliamentary paper to be ready to be considered by the Environment Select Committee alongside the Bill early next year.
30. Based on feedback received, the proposals in this paper may be opposed by some Iwi, environmental non-governmental organisations, recreational groups and environmental groups as they may be seen to be too focussed on economic opportunities at the expense of Treaty and environmental considerations.
31. Other groups may oppose the proposals in the paper as they may be seen to not be going far enough to provide for economic opportunities.

- ## Treaty principles (section 4) – Ngā mātāpono Tiriti (section 4)

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## Consultation – Kōrero whakawhiti

- 25-B-0350 - Briefing: Remaining policy decisions relating to the National Conservation Policy Statement

43. Interested parties will have a further opportunity to engage with the detail of the NCPS through select committee. This process will subject the detail of the NCPS to parliamentary scrutiny normally reserved for primary legislation, including an opportunity for any interested party to make written submissions.

## **Next steps – Ngā tāwhaitanga**

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### ***DOC is preparing a Parliamentary Paper to accompany the Bill at introduction***

44. The use of a Parliamentary Paper will enable the Bill to progress on desired timeframes while also allowing sufficient time for the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft the NCPS, and for Treaty partners and stakeholders to consider the NCPS policies in detail through the select committee process. The paper will reflect your decisions on the issues outlined in this briefing.
45. The precise drafting of the policies may evolve during the drafting process. The draft Cabinet paper will therefore seek authorisation from Cabinet for you to make further minor policy decisions on any matters related to the NCPS, provided they are not inconsistent with decisions made by Cabinet.
46. The Parliamentary Paper will be provided to the Environment Select Committee as soon as possible once they have begun consideration of the Bill.

### ***Your decisions on these matters are required by 1 December***

47. We seek your decisions on the matters outlined in this briefing by 1 December. This will allow for (note indicative dates below subject to the sitting calendar in the new year):
- DOC to provide a draft Cabinet paper and parliamentary paper for your consideration on 8 December;
  - Ministerial consultation, from 15 December to 16 January; and
  - Final Cabinet decisions on the NCPS on 2 February.
48. DOC is also preparing a regulatory impact statement (RIS) to accompany the Cabinet paper. It is expected that a draft RIS will be available for Ministerial consultation alongside the draft Cabinet paper in December.

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## Attachment A: Matters for decision

| Proposal                                                                      | Recommendations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Decision | Analysis and advice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>More consistent decision-making and streamlining permissions processes</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Exempt activities</b>                                                      | <p>1. <b>Agree</b> that the NCPS will exempt the following four activities (under specified conditions) from the requirement for a concession in all land classifications except nature and scientific reserves, wilderness areas, local or government purpose reserves, land held under section 7 of the Conservation Act that is designated as a specially protected area and land administered under the Waitangi Endowment Act 1932-1933:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. News of the day filming or photography.</li> <li>b. Collection of air for research purposes.</li> <li>c. Collection of water for research purposes.</li> <li>d. Observational research.</li> </ul> <p>2. <b>Note</b> that exempt activities will be provided for on approximately 95% of conservation land.</p> | Yes / No | <p>Exempt activities will not require a concession.</p> <p>The list of activities for exemption was consulted on, except for observational research which has been subsequently added (identified by DOC as an activity appropriate to exempt due to the minimal impact). We have removed two recreational activities that were in the discussion document as they can already be undertaken without a concession (recreational photography or filming and small recreational events).</p> <p>We recommend that the four activities be exempted everywhere except for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature and scientific reserves: these are highly protected areas requiring an access permit so any activity in these areas should be assessed on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>• Wilderness areas: activities can only be authorised in these areas if desirable or necessary for preserving indigenous natural resources and would require case-by-case assessment.</li> <li>• Local or government purpose reserves: these reserves are vested in an administering body and are not required to have management plans in place, so disapplication would not be possible. They are also used for a wide variety of local purposes, so it is not possible to assess the effects of activities at land classification level for these areas.</li> <li>• Land held under section 7 of the Conservation Act that is designated as a specially protected area – set apart to preserve intact, with minimum human interference.</li> <li>• Land administered under the Waitangi Endowment Act 1932-1933 as the purpose of the land is afforestation and silviculture (maintaining a forest for the purposes of timber production).</li> </ul> <p>The recommended conditions for each exempt activity are provided in <b>Attachment B</b>.</p> |
| <b>Pre-approved activities</b>                                                | <p>3. <b>Agree</b> that the NCPS will pre-approve concessions for 16 activities in certain land classifications as outlined in <b>Attachment C</b>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Yes / No | <p>Pre-approved activities will be automatically approved and can be carried out after obtaining a simple permit (e.g., purchasing one online). Activities are more suitable for pre-approval than exemption if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a need to monitor volumes and potential cumulative effects; and/or</li> <li>• It is reasonable to continue to collect fees, rents, or royalties from the activity.</li> </ul> <p>We recommend 16 recreational, research, and commercial activities for pre-approval. These activities have been selected based on effects assessment and application volumes. They will be pre-approved for specific land classifications.</p> <p>The NCPS will include standard terms and conditions for pre-approved activities to manage potential adverse effects. This unlocks economic activity on conservation land by streamlining the approval process with appropriate constraints.</p> <p>If terms and conditions cannot be met, a standard application will be needed. DOC will retain the ability to set additional contractual conditions for pre-approved activities as part of a final contract accepted by the applicant.</p> <p>The list of activities, the land classifications where activities will be pre-approved and terms and conditions for each activity are provided in <b>Attachment C</b>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



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| <b>Disapplying exempt and pre-approved status</b> | 4. <b>Agree</b> that the NCPS will allow area plans to disapply exempt or pre-approval status for all activities (provided the limited circumstances you previously agreed to apply).                                                                                                      | Yes / No | <p>You previously agreed that the NCPS will allow area plans to disapply exempt or pre-approval status under limited circumstances [25-B-0292 refers]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NCPS outlines which exempt or pre-approved activity a disapplication can be made for,</li> <li>• The Minister considers disapplication is required due to significant adverse effects on natural, cultural, or historic values present at the specific site, and</li> <li>• The area plan specifies the geographic boundaries of the disapplication, which must not be broader than necessary to avoid significant adverse effects on the specific values being protected.</li> </ul> <p>We are now seeking your agreement to which activities the NCPS should allow area plans to disapply. We recommend the NCPS allows area plans to disapply exempt or pre-approval status for all activities if the limited circumstances you agreed to previously apply.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Visitor zones and pre-assessed activities</b>  | 5. <b>Agree</b> that the NCPS will establish the visitor zones set out in <b>Attachment D</b> and require area plans to designate all conservation land within their boundaries to one of the zones, to provide for mapping of objectives and desired outcomes for recreation and tourism. | Yes / No | <p>We recommend that the NCPS establishes five visitor zones (as opposed to seven as originally consulted on) to standardise the assessment of effects on recreation and tourism with a simpler system.</p> <p>The NCPS will describe the types of visitor zones and will require area plans to assign all conservation land within their boundaries to one of the zones. The recommended zones, described in more detail in <b>Attachment D</b>, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity area – Land classification. Legislation enables more intensive tourism and recreation development.</li> <li>• Front country – Areas that provide easy access where most recreation and tourism occur, while protecting the significant natural or cultural features that attract visitors.</li> <li>• Back country – Large-scale natural settings where recreational activities are encouraged but infrastructure is limited to essential facilities.</li> <li>• Remote – Large-scale remote natural settings with limited low-impact infrastructure and the experience centres on solitude, immersion in nature, and low contact with others.</li> <li>• Wilderness area – Land classification. Legislation restricts certain activities (e.g., buildings, livestock, motorised aircraft landings, machinery, vehicles).</li> </ul> |
|                                                   | 6. <b>Agree</b> that the NCPS will pre-assess 26 activities for their consistency with land classifications and visitor zones as outlined in <b>Attachment E</b> .                                                                                                                         | Yes / No | <p>For higher-impact activities (i.e., that are not appropriate for exemption or pre-approval), we propose pre-assessing against land classification and visitor zone. Case-by-case consideration of concession applications remains appropriate, but we can provide a strong signal of where some activities might be suitable by pre-assessing some of the matters the decision maker is required to consider.</p> <p>All but one of the 26 activities are pre-assessed as green on over 50% of public conservation land based on land classification (large tourism facilities are pre-assessed as green only in Amenity Areas). Of these, 10 are pre-assessed as green on over 80% of public conservation land based on land classification.</p> <p>Eleven activities are pre-assessed as green for more than half of the visitor zones. We do not yet know what percentage of public conservation land this represents as visitor zones have not yet been mapped. The pre-assessment of activities against land classification and visitor zones is in <b>Attachment E</b>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

| Proposal                                                        | Recommendations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Decision | Analysis and advice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|                                                                 | <p>7. <b>Agree</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A “green” pre-assessment indicates consistency with the land classification or visitor zone and signals where DOC anticipates activities will occur, and DOC retains discretion to decline applications or set appropriate terms and conditions;</li> <li>b. A “silent” pre-assessment means consistency with the land classification or visitor zone depends on the specifics of the activity, which would need to be considered on a case-by-case basis; and</li> <li>c. A “red” pre-assessment means the activity is inconsistent with the land classification or visitor zone and concessions will not be granted for these activities.</li> </ul> | Yes / No | <p><i>Activities in scope</i></p> <p>We recommend that the scope of activities to be pre-assessed through the first NCPS covers moderately sized, economically significant activities (see <b>Attachment E</b> for list). We recommend that activities where DOC receives only a few applications and which are likely to have a high impact continue to be assessed on a case-by-case basis (e.g., ski fields).</p> <p><i>Outcomes of pre-assessment</i></p> <p>The pre-assessment would signal whether an activity is likely to be consistent with some of the matters the decision-maker is required to take into account when considering an application. It will create a spatial tool to indicate where an activity may be suitable and where it may not.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A “green” pre-assessment (consistent with the land classification or visitor zone) would signal where DOC anticipates activities will occur.</li> <li>• A “red” pre-assessment would mean the activity is inconsistent with the land classification or visitor zone. While concession applications may be made in these areas, they will almost certainly be declined as they will be inconsistent with the area plan – consistency with the area plan is a requirement for a concession to be approved.</li> <li>• A “silent” pre-assessment would mean consistency with the land classification or visitor zone depends on the specifics of the activity and/or location.</li> </ul> <p><i>Maintaining appropriate constraints</i></p> <p>Pre-assessment provides a strong indication of consistency with the land classification or visitor zone, but other requirements in legislation still apply. For example, DOC would retain discretion to decline applications for any green pre-assessment if the application does not meet other statutory tests under the Conservation Act. Retaining the ability to set appropriate terms and conditions will ensure that most activities pre-assessed as green will be able to be approved if applicants accept the terms. However, there may still be applications that, due to their unique variables, it is inappropriate to approve in the manner or in the specific area in which the applicant wishes to conduct them.</p> <p>However, given the signal a green pre-assessment will send, we anticipate DOC will need to provide a strong rationale for declining any green activities. This shifts the onus from applicants needing to demonstrate why an activity is appropriate to DOC needing to demonstrate why an activity would be inappropriate in that specific situation.</p> <p>Signalling where these activities are likely to be appropriate could encourage more applications where activities are likely to be approved and avoid applications that are unlikely to be approved. Zoning will also create more consistency in the treatment of applications. This supports your objective of unlocking economic growth on conservation land.</p> |
| <b><i>The NCPS will guide other conservation functions.</i></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Private accommodation</b>                                    | <p>8. <b>Agree</b> to maintain limited discretion in relation to authorising new private accommodation and that existing private accommodation may be authorised under certain conditions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Yes / No | <p>Private accommodation is generally not appropriate on public conservation land. It is usually inconsistent with the principles of public access, conservation protection, and the non-exclusive use of public resources.</p> <p>The current Conservation General Policy and National Parks General Policy state that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new private accommodation on conservation land should not be permitted; and</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|          |                 |          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>existing private accommodation on conservation land will be phased out, except where specifically provided for in other instruments.</li> </ul> <p>However, there are legacy issues. Many private accommodation structures (ranging from remote huts to primary residences) existed prior to the land coming under DOC's control, and/or may have an existing authorisation, such as a perpetual lease or lifetime occupancy provision.</p> <p>There are also potentially significant resource implications and other issues associated with DOC's implementation of the current phase-out requirement. These issues include consideration of property rights, equity and fairness, compliance with legal and environmental obligations, and social matters such as affordability and welfare.</p> <p>We therefore recommend the following approach to private accommodation concessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all private accommodation on conservation land must be authorised through the grant of a concession;</li> <li>the NCPS will define "private accommodation" to make it clearer that club and other accommodation able to be accessed and/or booked by the general public would not be "private accommodation" for this purpose;</li> <li>new private accommodation on conservation land (including new builds and new exclusive use of existing structures) must not be authorised, unless it is necessary to implement the legislation under which the land is administered (this provides for some limited discretion, in line with the current policy);</li> <li>existing private accommodation on conservation land must not be authorised, unless the following criteria are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the structure has or has had a valid authorisation at some stage; and</li> <li>the structure meets all relevant requirements relating to its use for accommodation purposes, or can meet those standards within a certain timeframe specified in the concession agreement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>wherever private accommodation is authorised, the following conditions must be included in a concession agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there must be no increase in the adverse effects on conservation values, including the spatial extent of these effects, over time;</li> <li>certain repairs or maintenance will be allowed as part of the concession, but more substantial construction activities (such as improvements or extensions to structures) may not be; and</li> <li>applicable fees will be payable.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Removing the current phase-out requirement for existing private accommodation will help mitigate the legal, operational and relationship issues associated with the current policy. However, this will not fully address the issues associated with private accommodation on public conservation land and we expect that further consideration will be required in the future.</p> <p>If accommodation is not authorised, if authorisation is refused or lapses, or if a concessionaire fails to meet conditions (such as payment of rent), DOC will have a range of options. These include removal of the structure, retention by DOC for an alternative use, consideration for land disposal or exchange, or working with the existing owner or occupant to meet any necessary conditions to grant a concession.</p> |

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|                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |          | This provides a reasonable and consistent approach to the management of private accommodation on conservation land and provides more certainty to private accommodation owners.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Exempting Crown activities from district resource management rules</b> | 9. <b>Agree</b> to the list of Crown work or activities that the NCPS will exempt from district resource management rules, outlined in <b>Attachment E</b> .                                                                                                                                                         | Yes / No | Section 4(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991 provides for an exemption from resource consents for Crown works on Conservation Act land in specific instances. Cabinet agreed in June that the NCPS and area plans can list activities that will be exempt [ <b>CAB-25-MIN-0213</b> refers].<br><br>DOC recommends that the activities in <b>Attachment F</b> are included in the NCPS as activities exempt from resource consents.<br><br>The list covers the most common activities and will reduce administrative costs for DOC and provide clarity to territorial authorities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                           | 10. <b>Agree</b> that the NCPS will restrict area plans from listing additional activities from those in the NCPS.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes / No | It is appropriate that there are other mechanisms for Crown activities to be exempt from requiring a resource consent that are not anticipated at the time of making this list. DOC therefore recommends that the NCPS states that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>activities not stated in the NCPS do not require a resource consent provided the Director-General is satisfied that the proposed work is consistent with the objectives of the relevant area plan(s) and adequate measures are in place to manage any adverse effects of the activity.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                           | 11. <b>Agree</b> that work or activities not stated in the NCPS do not require a resource consent provided the Director-General is satisfied that the proposed work is consistent with the objectives of the relevant area plan(s) and adequate measures are in place to manage any adverse effects of the activity. | Yes / No | While proposed legislation will provide area plans the ability for area plans to list additional activities, Cabinet agreed this would be subject to the NCPS. We recommend the NCPS restricts area plans from listing additional activities to avoid inconsistencies across area plans. Restricting area plans in this way will not create substantive administrative costs as DOC can rely on the ability for the Director-General to consider non-listed exempt activities until such a time when the NCPS is next reviewed.<br><br>Both listed and non-listed activities will continue to require a resource consent from the relevant territorial authority if they would have a significant adverse effect beyond the boundary of conservation land, as is required by the Resource Management Act 1991                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Defining the content of area plans</b>                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Scope of area plans</b>                                                | 12. <b>Note</b> that Cabinet agreed the NCPS can specify what types of content area plans can and cannot include [CAB-25-MIN-0213.01]                                                                                                                                                                                |          | We recommend limiting area plan content to the values, objectives and policies outlined in this section and above. As a summary, area plans will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disapplication of concession activities pre-approved and exempted by the NCPS (25-B-0292 refers) [see rec 4]</li> <li>Mapping public conservation land into visitor zones to implement the standardised objectives for recreation and pre-assessment of concession activities set out in the NCPS [see rec 5]</li> <li>Contextual information for DOC staff and concessionaires, including a clear list of relevant Treaty settlements [see recs 17-20]</li> <li>Descriptions of the significance to tangata whenua of the land, marine areas, and taonga administered by the Department within the boundaries of the area plan [see rec 23]</li> <li>Descriptions of the conservation and historic and cultural heritage values of places, and the threats and pressures on those values and related objectives [see recs 21-29]</li> <li>Policies for the management of specific activities [see recs 30-54]</li> </ul> Area plans will not include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limits or conditions for concessionaire activities</li> </ul> |

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|          |                                                                                                                                                      |          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies that are not specific to the area or place (which are better included in the NCPS)</li> <li>• Content that repeats legislation or the NCPS</li> <li>• Milestones or actions for DOC and other policies that seek to direct and/or prioritise DOC's resource allocation (e.g. stating land should be acquired if it becomes available)</li> <li>• Policies that premeditate regulatory decisions for which legislation already sets out a clear process (e.g. stating that marine protection should be explored, or conservation land should be reclassified as scientific reserve).</li> </ul> <p>This means that area plans will be short, clear documents. This approach will support faster development and review of area plans by clearly defining the scope of area plans before the planning process.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|          | 13. <b>Agree</b> that area plans must only include content provided for in the NCPS, unless otherwise provided for in Treaty settlement legislation. | Yes / No | This document outlines the general content for area plans, but additional content may be required for specific area plans to uphold Treaty settlement redress. You will receive separate advice on this matter following ongoing engagement with Iwi.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|          | 14. <b>Agree</b> that area plans will not include limits or conditions on concessionaires.                                                           | Yes / No | <p>Place-specific limits and conditions are usually used to manage overcrowding or cumulative effects of activities. A range of tools can be used to manage overcrowding or cumulative effects including booking systems, access charges (once enabled) and place-specific regulations and bylaws.</p> <p>These alternatives tools are preferable to area plans as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• many activities with adverse effects are undertaken by both concessionaires and recreational users (e.g. guiding, vehicle use). Area plans do not have the ability to regulate the public (i.e. they cannot limit or impose conditions on activities that do not require an authorisation or booking). It is therefore sensible to use tools that address the problem entirely (both recreational users and concessionaires), not just part of it;</li> <li>• it avoids place-based limits and standard conditions being managed across area plans and secondary legislation, which can create complexities for understanding the rules that apply;</li> <li>• it avoids potential inconsistency across the country if some areas impose limits and conditions through area plans and other areas through secondary legislation; and</li> <li>• many conditions are better managed through the concession process and operational policy as they are often case-specific and issues change overtime</li> </ul> |
|          | 15. <b>Note</b> that the NCPS can be updated to allow for additional area plan content.                                                              |          | <p>Compared to status quo, the ability to update and modify the NCPS will be much simpler with the process outlined in the Bill. This allows for the regulatory regime to change as issues and opportunities arise, for example if it is deemed necessary for the NCPS to direct further content to be included in area plans.</p> <p>DOC will provide further advice if it is identified that additional content in area plans is desirable through further analysis, the select committee process, or ongoing engagement with PSGEs.</p> <p>If desirable content is identified post-enactment of the Bill, the NCPS can be reviewed to allow for this additional content in area plans.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|          | 16. <b>Agree</b> that area plans will be divided into 'places' where appropriate.                                                                    | Yes / No | <p>Current planning documents divide the areas covered by the plan into "places". This is especially useful for plans covering large areas with diverse ecosystems, landscapes and cultural values. Places ensure plans are more user-friendly by making them easier to navigate and clearer by being specific about the values, objectives and policies in a particular place.</p> <p>Enabling areas plans to divide a large plan into places allows for values, objectives and policies to be set at a scale that makes sense.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <b>Information requirements</b>      | 17. <b>Agree</b> that where area plans are required to include information, the requirement applies to the extent that the information is reasonably available at the time of the area plan amendment process.                                                         | Yes / No | The intention of this policy is to make it clear that DOC are not required to stall the process to wait for information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                      | 18. <b>Agree</b> that area plans must include an introductory section, which includes identification of their boundaries and any other information necessary to aid interpretation of the area plan.                                                                   | Yes / No | This information is necessary to support interpretation of the plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                      | 19. <b>Agree</b> that area plans must list Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi settlements relevant to the area within the area plan's boundaries.                                                                                                                 | Yes / No |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                      | 20. <b>Agree</b> that area plans must include a glossary of key terms where they are not defined in this Policy Statement or legislation.                                                                                                                              | Yes / No |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Values, threats and pressures</b> | 21. <b>Agree</b> that area plans must include a summary of the indigenous species, habitats, ecosystems, landscapes, landforms and geological features and describe where these exist <u>within</u> conservation land and marine areas administered by the Department. | Yes / No | Summary descriptions of the values in an area/place support transparent, efficient and consistent decision-making by sign-posting key relevant considerations. This is also useful for the public to understand the values at place when considering making an application for an activity.<br><br>Values also support the planning process by setting the context for the objectives and policies set out in the plan, including the mapping of visitor zones and, where necessary, disapplication of pre-approved and exempt activities. |
|                                      | 22. <b>Agree</b> that area plans must include a summary of the historic values and cultural heritage of conservation land and marine areas administered by the Department.                                                                                             | Yes / No | Some current planning documents include lengthy comprehensive lists of all conservation values. We propose that area plans include a concise summary of key values for consideration, rather than detailed and lengthy lists.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                      | 23. <b>Agree</b> that area plans must include a summary of the significance to tangata whenua of the natural and historic resources managed by DOC that are within the boundaries of the area plan.                                                                    | Yes / No | Summaries rather than detailed lists reflects current best practice. Comprehensive detailed lists are not necessary as they contribute to overly lengthy documents and are more likely to become out of date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                      | 24. <b>Agree</b> that area plans must list conservation land and marine areas administered by the Department, and natural and cultural heritage within them, which have been recognised as having international significance.                                          | Yes / No |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                      | 25. <b>Agree</b> that area plans may include a summary of indigenous species, habitats, ecosystems, landscapes, landforms and geological features and describe where these exist <u>outside of</u> conservation land and marine areas administered by the Department.  | Yes / No | Description of indigenous species, habitats, ecosystems, landscapes, landforms and geological features outside land and marine areas administered by DOC supports decision-making for the Department on functions in these areas. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorisations for species outside those protected areas (e.g. Wildlife authorisations, marine mammal permits)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                        |



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|                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOC's input into resource management processes (development of regional and district plans, consenting processes)</li> </ul> <p>DOC does not have regulatory functions relevant to historic and cultural values and recreational values outside of public conservation land and marine areas administered by DOC.</p>                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                              | 26. <b>Agree</b> that area plans may describe existing recreational opportunities within public conservation lands and waters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes / No | <p>While recreational values and objectives are broadly covered by visitor zones, providing for area plans to describe recreational opportunities allows for a finer scale of values mapped to inform place-based decisions. This aligns with the approach taken to ecological values with land classifications setting a broad purpose and the area plan providing more detail on the specific ecological values in that place.</p> <p>These values can inform the mapping of visitor zones within an area.</p> |
|                                                              | 27. <b>Agree</b> that area plans may describe the threats and pressures facing values outlined in the area plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes / No | Threats and pressures provide the context for objectives (see below).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Objectives</b>                                            | 28. <b>Agree</b> that area plans must set objectives to provide for the protection and preservation of significant indigenous species, habitats and ecosystems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Yes / No | <p>Objectives must be set in area plans to guide DOC decision making, particularly in relation to authorisations e.g., concession decisions. For example, an applicant might apply for an activity at a place which would impact on achieving an objective – this will be considered when making a concession decision.</p> <p>Objectives will be based on the values and threats identified at place.</p>                                                                                                       |
|                                                              | 29. <b>Agree</b> that area plans must set objectives to provide for the protection and preservation of historic values and cultural heritage on conservation land and within marine areas administered by the Department.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Yes / No | Objectives cannot direct DOC operational activities but may be considered.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b><i>Policies for management of specific activities</i></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Utilities</b>                                             | 30. <b>Agree</b> that utilities may be installed, maintained or extended on public conservation land where they are of a scale, design and colour that relates to and integrates with, the landscape and seascape.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes / No | This policy is a reframing of Conservation General Policy (CGP) 11.3b and General Policy for National Parks (GPNP) 10.3b and retains the same policy intent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Grazing and farming</b>                                   | <p>31. <b>Agree</b> that a grazing or farming concession may be granted where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the land is in existing pasture or farming use, or there is a need to use grazing for management purposes; and</li> <li>any adverse effects of stock on waterways, wetlands and riparian zones can be avoided or otherwise minimised; and</li> <li>in a national park, the balance of evidence demonstrates that it is in the public interest that grazing or farming should continue on that land.</li> </ol> | Yes / No | This policy is a reframing of CGP 11.2 and GPNP 10.2 and retains the same policy intent, listing the criteria to be considered when assessing concession applications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Hunting and wild animal control</b> | 32. <b>Agree</b> that commercial hunting of wild animals and animal pests may be authorised to support the effective control of them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes / No | This policy is a modification of CGP 4.2e and GPNP 4.3i and retains the same permissive policy intent.                                                                                         |
|                                        | 33. <b>Agree</b> that recreational hunting of wild animals and animal pests may be authorised taking into account whether it diminishes the effectiveness of operations to control them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Yes / No | This policy is a reframing of CGP 4.2f and GPNP 4.3j and retains the same permissive policy intent.                                                                                            |
| <b>Research and information</b>        | 34. <b>Agree</b> that when considering whether to authorise research and monitoring, and the potential terms and conditions, consideration must be given to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. safeguarding any property rights, including intellectual property rights, for the benefit of the Crown, on behalf of the people of New Zealand;</li> <li>b. recognising mātauranga Māori and Māori interests in research and monitoring on public conservation lands and waters; and</li> <li>c. the potential benefits of making the results of research and monitoring publicly available.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Yes / No | This policy is a combination of several existing policies (CGP 12c, 12e, 12g, GPNP 11e, 11g) presenting these as matters to be considered when authorising research and monitoring activities. |
|                                        | 35. <b>Agree</b> that, unless there are exceptional circumstances, research and monitoring on public conservation lands and waters will be authorised where it does not pose unacceptable risks to natural and cultural heritage, and has no significant effects on the enjoyment of the public.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes / No | This policy is a reframing of existing policies CGP 12a and GPNP 11a and retains the same policy intent.                                                                                       |
| <b>Collection of materials</b>         | 36. <b>Agree</b> that, unless otherwise pre-approved, when considering whether to grant authorisations for the collection of material from public conservation lands and waters, whether for commercial or non-commercial use (excluding prospecting and mining covered by the Crown Minerals Act 1991), including indigenous species (or parts thereof), fossilised plant or animal material, soils, rocks and any other geological materials, the following will be taken into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. whether collection is essential for either management, research, interpretation or educational purposes;</li> <li>b. whether the amounts to be collected are small in relation to the abundance of the material;</li> <li>c. whether population integrity is maintained; and</li> </ul> | Yes / No | This policy is a reframing of existing policies CGP 12d and GPNP 11d and retains the same policy intent.                                                                                       |



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|                                              | d. whether collection could occur outside of or elsewhere within public conservation lands and waters where the potential adverse effects could be significantly less.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Dogs on public conservation land</b>      | 37. <b>Agree</b> that no person shall cause or allow any dog for which they are responsible to enter or be under any hut.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Yes / No | This is a new policy and is consistent with the current approach which is implemented via national park bylaws. We recommend this current approach should be reflected in the NCPS for national consistency.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Personal watercraft in national parks</b> | 38. <b>Agree</b> that the use of personal watercraft in national parks is prohibited.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes / No | This policy is modified from CGP 9.5 and GPNP 8.6. Personal watercraft are power-driven vessels with fully enclosed hulls, designed to be operating by a person standing, sitting, or kneeling on the vessel but not seated within the vessel (e.g., jet skis). This approach uses the NCPS to prohibit the use of personal watercraft, consistent with the current approach.                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Interactions with protected species</b>   | 39. <b>Agree</b> that absolutely protected wildlife, as defined in the Wildlife Act 1953, may be held in captivity only where there is a clear benefit for conservation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Yes / No | This is the same policy as the existing CGP 4.1d.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | 40. <b>Agree</b> that whales and dolphins must not be brought into or bred in captivity in New Zealand or exported to be held in captivity, except where this is essential for the conservation management of the species.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes / No | This is a minor modification from the existing CGP 4.4k (changing from ‘ <u>should</u> not be brought into or bred into captivity...’).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Freshwater fish</b>                       | 41. <b>Agree</b> that fishing for whitebait and eels in reserves may be authorised only where the preservation of the indigenous freshwater fisheries and the maintenance of the range and stocks are not affected.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes / No | This a modification from the existing CGP 4.1f (removing consistency with relevant Acts and legislation consistent with the approach for the NCPS and removing the requirement that this activity must be provided for in a plan).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | 42. <b>Agree</b> that freshwater fish, including sports fish, or aquatic life, may be authorised for release into specified waters within a national park where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the same species is already legally present in those waters;</li> <li>b. the preservation of the indigenous freshwater fisheries and habitat of the national park is not adversely affected; and</li> <li>c. the protection of the recreational freshwater fisheries is not adversely affected.</li> </ul> | Yes / No | This is a modification from the existing GPNP 4.4c, removing the requirement for this activity to be provided for in a management plan. The policy wording here aligns with Fish and Game’s ability in areas outside public conservation land to be able to release sports fish to areas they already exist without needing further authorisation. This allows ‘put and take’ sports fisheries to be maintained without further bureaucracy. The policies here align well with Fish and Game’s policies and planning systems. |
|                                              | 43. <b>Agree</b> that non-commercial customary and recreational fishing for indigenous species in national parks may be authorised on a case-by-case basis only where:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Yes / No | This policy has been modified from GPNP 4.4f (removing requirement for consistency with primary legislation and purpose of national parks, removing the requirement for there to be an established tradition of fishing, and removing the requirement for fishing to be provided for in the national park management plan. We have also updated (b) from ‘tangata whenua’ to ‘the Iwi, hapū, or whānau that exercise kaitiakitanga in that [area][place]’.                                                                    |

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|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the preservation of the indigenous freshwater fisheries and maintenance of stocks within those waters are not adversely affected; and</li> <li>b. in the case of non-commercial customary fishing, the application is supported by the Iwi, hapū, or whānau that exercise kaitiakitanga in that [area][place].</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|          | 44. <b>Agree</b> that the risk of impeding indigenous fish passage or introducing undesirable species that will impact indigenous freshwater fisheries must be considered in the management of instream structures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes / No | Modified from GPNP 4.4bii. The scope of the policy has been extended beyond national parks, given that the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations are not constrained to national parks or to public conservation land. The intent is to ensure fish passage is actively considered when managing existing structures (of which there are many on public conservation land). In some cases, fish passage may need to be restricted, whereas in other cases fish passage should be maintained or provided for. |
|          | 45. <b>Agree</b> that fish passage in national parks must be maintained, and where practicable, restored, unless there are exceptional circumstances, or this would result in the introduction of undesirable species that would impact indigenous freshwater fisheries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes / No | This policy is a reframing of existing policy GPNP 4.4bii, and includes modification to terminology (reference to 'undesirable species' rather than non-indigenous species, to reflect that it is not only non-indigenous species that may pose a threat to other fish species). The intent here is to set a higher standard for national parks relative to other public conservation land.                                                                                                             |
|          | 46. <b>Agree</b> that commercial fishing in national park waters must not be permitted unless there are exceptional circumstances or: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. commercial fishing for the species legally occurred in specific waters within the national park prior to the establishment of, or addition to, the national park;</li> <li>b. the preservation of the indigenous freshwater fisheries and maintenance of stocks within the waters where fishing is to occur is not adversely affected; and</li> <li>c. any consent given is confined to a person who, or organisation which, was commercially fishing in the waters where fishing is to occur prior to the establishment of, or addition to, the national park; is non-transferable; has a limited term; and is not renewable.</li> </ul> | Yes / No | This policy is a reframing of existing policy GPNP 4.4g, retaining the same policy intent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|          | 47. <b>Agree</b> that, if an illegal introduction of a non-indigenous fish species into national park waters has been made, fishing for that species of fish may be prohibited or restricted where this would facilitate eradication and control, or would create an effective deterrent to future unlawful attempts to establish populations of aquatic life.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes / No | This is the same policy as GPNP 4.4e.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Sports fish and game birds</b> | 48. <b>Agree</b> that the release of sports fish into waters in public conservation land will be authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances, where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. sports fish of the same species are already present; and</li> <li>b. release is consistent with the purposes for which the land is held; and</li> <li>c. the protection of the indigenous freshwater fisheries and their habitat is not adversely affected; and</li> <li>d. such releases are provided for in a sports fish management plan.</li> </ul> | Yes / No | This policy is a reframing of the existing policies CGP4.1i, and GPNP 4.4c, retaining the same policy intent. The policy wording here aligns with Fish and Game's ability in areas outside public conservation land to be able to release sports fish to areas they already exist without needing further authorisation. This allows 'put and take' sports fisheries to be maintained without further bureaucracy. The policies here align well with Fish and Game's policies and planning systems. |
|                                   | 49. <b>Agree</b> that fishing for sports fish legally present in the waters of national parks will be allowed, except in specially protected areas, in which case a valid authorisation will be required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes / No | This is the same as the existing GPNP 8.4a.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                   | 50. <b>Agree</b> that when preparing a sports fish and game management plan which covers any national park, the relevant fish and game council will identify the measures that will be taken to minimise any adverse effects on indigenous species within the national park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes / No | This is same as the existing GPNP 4.1e.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                   | 51. <b>Agree</b> that hunting of game birds on public conservation lands will be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances, or: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. it has an adverse effect on populations of indigenous species;</li> <li>b. the safety of people would be at risk; or</li> <li>c. a valid game licence is not held.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes / No | This policy merges the existing CGP 9.4b and GPNP 8.4b and retains the permissive approach to game bird management.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Customary use</b>              | 52. <b>Agree</b> that applications for customary use of traditional materials and indigenous species by tangata whenua will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may be authorised where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the preservation of the indigenous species at the place is not affected; and</li> <li>b. the application is supported by the Iwi, hapū, or whānau that exercise kaitiakitanga in the area or place.</li> </ul>                                                                                                           | Yes / No | This policy is a reframing of the existing policies CGP 2g and GPNP 2g. The requirement for established tradition of customary use has been removed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Proposal                                     | Recommendations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Decision | Analysis and advice                                                                                                                                              |
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|                                              | 53. <b>Agree</b> that tangata whenua, as kaitiaki, will be provided with access to the remains of dead marine protected species for customary use, including those incidentally caught in commercial fishing, consistent with relevant legislation and agreed protocols.                                                                                                                                                              | Yes / No | This retains part of the existing policy CGP 4.4h.                                                                                                               |
| <b>Use of historic and cultural heritage</b> | 54. <b>Agree</b> that the use of cultural heritage places (including historic buildings and structures) on public conservation lands and waters, may be authorised if that use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. enables their preservation;</li> <li>b. is in keeping with their assessed values; and</li> <li>c. provides, where appropriate, opportunities for the public to appreciate and connect with them.</li> </ul> | Yes / No | This is reframing of existing policies CGP 5e and GPNP 5e, changing ‘appreciate’ to ‘connect’, and ‘use’ to ‘authorised use’. It retains the same policy intent. |

## **Attachment B: Proposed exempt activities**

### **Criteria and conditions for exempt activities**

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| <p><b>News of the day filming and photography</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activity is undertaken by a news media organisation that is a member of the New Zealand Media Council.</li><li>• Filming and photography should be using standard media tools, excluding drones.</li><li>• No temporary or permanent structures are to be erected.</li><li>• You must take all reasonable care to ensure wildlife are not disturbed unnecessarily.</li><li>• Where possible, you must remain on formed tracks and not exceed any loading limitations placed on facilities and structures.</li><li>• Reporting activity should not require the exclusive use of the areas or compromise the enjoyment or safety of other users in the area.</li><li>• The activity must be undertaken in line with the bylaws and regulations that apply to the sites on which it is taking place.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>Collection of air for research purposes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You must only use handheld equipment to collect samples.</li><li>• You must take all reasonable care to ensure wildlife are not disturbed unnecessarily.</li><li>• Where possible, you must remain on formed tracks or well-used routes designed to protect natural and historic features of the land and not exceed any loading limitations placed on facilities and structures.</li><li>• You must remove all markers, tape, or other material used for the purposes of the activity within one day of the activity being completed.</li><li>• Collection sites are to be left in as natural a state as possible. All equipment must be removed from the site after the activities have been completed.</li><li>• You must ensure that public access, public viewing opportunities and public enjoyment of public conservation land is not obstructed or restricted as a result of the activity.</li><li>• The activity must be undertaken in line with the bylaws and regulations that apply to the sites on which it is taking place.</li></ul>                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Limited collection of water for research purposes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You must only use handheld equipment to collect samples.</li><li>• Samples are limited to what an individual can carry on their person within a 24-hour period.</li><li>• You must take all reasonable care to ensure wildlife are not disturbed unnecessarily.</li><li>• You must remove all markers, tape, or other material used for the purposes of the activity within one day of the activity being completed.</li><li>• Collection sites are to be left in as natural a state as possible. All equipment must be removed from the site after the activities have been completed.</li><li>• Where possible, you must remain on formed tracks or well-used routes designed to protect natural and historic features of the land and not exceed any loading limitations placed on facilities and structures.</li><li>• You must ensure that public access, public viewing opportunities and public enjoyment of public conservation land is not obstructed or restricted as a result of the activity.</li><li>• The activity must be undertaken in line with the bylaws and regulations that apply to the sites on which it is taking place.</li></ul> |
| <p><b>Observational activities for research purposes (e.g. observing wildlife)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You must take all reasonable care to ensure wildlife are not disturbed unnecessarily.</li><li>• Where possible, you must remain on formed tracks or well-used routes designed to protect natural and historic features of the land and not exceed any loading limitations placed on facilities and structures.</li><li>• You must ensure that public access, public viewing opportunities and public enjoyment of public conservation land is not obstructed or restricted as a result of the activity.</li><li>• The activity must be undertaken in line with the bylaws and regulations that apply to the sites on which it is taking place.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

We recommend that the four activities above be exempted everywhere except for:

- nature and scientific reserves as these are highly protected areas requiring an access permit so any activity in these areas should be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- wilderness areas as activities can only be authorised in these areas if desirable or necessary for preserving indigenous natural resources but would require case-by-case assessment.
- local or government purpose reserves as these reserves are vested in an administering body and are not required to have management plans in place, so disapplication would not be possible. They are also used for a wide variety of local purposes, so it is not possible to assess the effects of activities at land classification level for these areas.
- other land held under section 7 of the Conservation Act (X% of PCL) that is designated as a Specially Protected Area – set apart to preserve intact, with minimum human interference; an area that possesses indigenous plant or animal life or ecological, geological or historical features of significance.
- land administered under the Waitangi Endowment Act, as the overarching purpose of the land is afforestation and silviculture.

## Attachment C: Proposed pre-approved activities

### Activity descriptions

| Guiding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Guided walking (day walk or overnight/multiday)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial guided walking on formed tracks or formed routes where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.</li><li>Activity can be within a day, overnight or multi-day and may include staying in accommodation on PCL (whether a tent or hut etc).</li><li>Transportation (e.g. transporting clients by vehicle to and from PCL and vehicle transfers associated with a guided trip) is a separate activity (refer below).</li></ul>                                                   |
| <b>Guided biking/mountain bike trips</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial guided trips on formed roads and designated bike tracks or multi-use tracks where the activity not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.</li><li>Includes guided trips on e-bikes (i.e. power assisted cycles with an auxiliary electric motor with a maximum power not exceeding 300W) on formed tracks where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws.</li><li>Activity can be within a day, overnight or multi-day and may include staying in accommodation on PCL (whether a tent or hut etc).</li></ul> |
| <b>Guided horse-trekking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial horse-trek guiding on formed roads and tracks where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.</li><li>Activity must be undertaken within a day, with no need for overnight accommodation.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Guided rock-climbing trips</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial guided rock-climbing day trips in locations identified in <a href="#">[link to list]</a> and where the activity is not prohibited through by-laws or regulations.</li><li>Includes rope-climbing only where there are authorised fixed bolts and anchors already in place and bouldering.</li><li>Activity can be within a day, overnight or multi-day and may include staying in accommodation on PCL (whether a tent or hut etc).</li></ul>                                                                      |
| <b>Non-powered, water-based guiding (e.g. kayaking, canoeing, white-water rafting)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Launch and landing non-powered boats (including but not limited to kayaking, canoeing, white-water rafting) for the purpose of guiding and where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.</li><li>Activity can be within a day, overnight or multi-day and may include staying in accommodation on PCL (whether a tent or hut etc).</li></ul>                                                                                                            |
| <b>Four-wheel driving and quad-biking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial guided motor vehicle trips (including in 4WD, quad bikes or motorbikes) on roads where the activity is permitted by bylaws and regulations.</li><li>Activity can be within a day, overnight or multi-day and may include staying in accommodation on PCL (whether a tent or hut etc).</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Transportation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Commercial boat transport using powered watercraft (e.g. water taxis, charter boat trips, scheduled boat trips)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Launch and landing of powered watercraft for water transportation (including water taxi trips charter boat trips, jet boat trips).</li><li>Includes drop off and pick up using existing vehicle access and watercraft launching facilities where they exist and where the activity is not prohibited through by-laws or regulations.</li></ul>                                                                                           |
| <b>Commercial transport to and from public conservation land</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial transport to and from public conservation land using formed roads and carparks, where the activity is permitted by by-laws or regulations.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Drone use                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One-off drone use on PCL where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.</li><li>May include use for recreational, commercial or scientific purposes.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Research and collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Limited collection of rocks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Limited collection of minerals listed on <a href="#">[link to list]</a>.</li><li>Collection for research or cultural purposes.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited to what an individual can carry on their person within a 24-hour period and limited to a maximum 3 daytrips per year.</li> <li>• Excludes fossils and cave formations, including stalactites and stalagmites.</li> <li>• Excludes all metallic minerals, fuel minerals, precious stones (as defined in the Crown Minerals Act 1991) and a prescribed substance within the meaning of the Atomic Energy Act 1945.</li> <li>• Excludes pounamu.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Limited collection of soil</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited collection of soil for research or cultural purposes.</li> <li>• Sampling fewer than five times at the site.</li> <li>• Limited to what an individual can carry on their person within a 24-hour period. and limited to a maximum 3 day trips per year.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Limited collection of non-protected wildlife</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited collection of species not protected under the Wildlife Act 1953 for research or cultural purposes.</li> <li>• Only species listed in [<i>link to list</i>] can be collected. Does not include bees.</li> <li>• Includes catching, handling and collection of live or dead animals, any parts of such, and any eggs or progeny.</li> <li>• May include destructive samples.</li> <li>• Does not include bird banding.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Collection of non-threatened flora</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of non-threatened flora (including plants, fungi and seeds) for research purposes.</li> <li>• Does not include collection of threatened flora (<i>refer list</i>).</li> <li>• Includes collection for cultural purposes.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Events and filming</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Small scale commercial events on formed tracks or in established visitor areas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The event must occur within one day (no more than 24 hours) including set up and pack down.</li> <li>• Non-competitive events only (for example, does not include competitive sporting events that include running, biking, horse riding, vehicles).</li> <li>• Separate concession needed for commercial filming, photography or drone use.</li> <li>• Front country (Accessible zone) – Max group size 15 people.</li> <li>• Backcountry (Adventure zone) - Max group size 15 people.</li> <li>• Remote (solitude zone) - Max group size 8 people.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Small to medium scale commercial filming or photography on formed tracks or in established visitor eareas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concession is for one-off filming or photography projects and all onsite filming must take place within a 7-day period (consecutive days) for small scale filming or within a 21-day period (consecutive days) for medium scale filming.</li> <li>• Filming can only take place on existing tracks and/or in established visitor areas.</li> <li>• Front country (Accessible zone) – Max group size 15 people (small scale) or 30 people (medium scale). Includes crew and talent.</li> <li>• Backcountry (Adventure zone) - Max group size 15 people (includes crew and talent).</li> <li>• Remote (solitude zone) - Max group size 8 people (includes crew and talent).</li> </ul> |

## Assessment of activities against land classifications

| Activity                                                                                                                 | Land classification |                    |                   |                 |                      |                  |                 |                           |               |                     |                |                                                            |         | % of PCL |
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|                                                                                                                          | National Parks      | Conservation Parks | Stewardship Areas | Scenic Reserves | Recreation Reserves* | Ecological Areas | Marginal Strips | Wildlife Management Areas | Amenity Areas | Historic Reserves / | Sanctuary Area | Land held under s7 that is not a specially protected area. | Other** |          |
| % of PCL                                                                                                                 | 34.16               | 23.78              | 26.81             | 4.73            | 2.62                 | 1.50             | 0.6             | 0.27                      | 0.11          | 0.07                | 0.04           | 1.48                                                       | 3.83    |          |
| Commercial guided day walks or overnight walks on formed tracks                                                          | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   | ✓              | ✓                                                          |         | 94.69    |
| Commercial transport to and from public conservation land on formed roads and carparks                                   | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   | ✓              | ✓                                                          |         | 94.69    |
| Commercial biking/mountain bike/e bike trips on formed tracks                                                            | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   |                | ✓                                                          |         | 94.65    |
| Commercial boat activities using powered boats (e.g. water taxis, charter boat trips) using existing jetties and wharves | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   |                | ✓                                                          |         | 94.65    |
| Limited collection of rocks                                                                                              | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                |                 |                           |               | ✓                   | ✓              | ✓                                                          |         | 93.98    |
| Limited collection of soil                                                                                               | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                |                 |                           |               | ✓                   | ✓              | ✓                                                          |         | 93.98    |
| Limited collection of non-protected wildlife (e.g., most insects, pest species not covered under Wildlife Act 1953)      | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                |                 |                           |               | ✓                   | ✓              | ✓                                                          |         | 93.98    |
| Limited collection of non-protected flora /plants / fungi                                                                | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                |                 |                           |               | ✓                   | ✓              | ✓                                                          |         | 93.98    |
| Small scale commercial events on formed tracks or in established visitor areas                                           | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    |                  | ✓               | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   |                | ✓                                                          |         | 92.88    |
| Small scale commercial filming or photography on formed tracks or in established visitor areas                           | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    |                  | ✓               | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   |                | ✓                                                          |         | 92.88    |
| Commercial guiding in non-powered boats (e.g. kayaking, canoeing, white-water rafting)                                   | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    |                  | ✓               | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   |                | ✓                                                          |         | 92.88    |
| Medium scale filming or photography on formed tracks or in established visitor areas                                     | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    |                  | ✓               | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   |                | ✓                                                          |         | 92.88    |
| Drone use                                                                                                                |                     | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    |                  | ✓               | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   |                | ✓                                                          |         | 58.72    |
| Guided vehicle trips (including 4WD trips) on formed roads                                                               |                     | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    |                  | ✓               | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   |                | ✓                                                          |         | 58.72    |
| Commercial horse-trek guiding                                                                                            |                     | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    |                  | ✓               | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   |                | ✓                                                          |         | 58.72    |
| Rock climbing (commercial guides) in areas already set up for this purpose                                               |                     | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓                    |                  |                 | ✓                         | ✓             | ✓                   |                | ✓                                                          |         | 58.72    |

\*Class concessions are proposed to apply to Recreation Reserves that are not used for a specific purpose e.g. sports field, racecourse, campground, visitor centre, swimming pool.

\*\*Other conservation land includes:

- *Local and Government Purpose reserves* (0.54% of PCL), as these are held for a range of specific purposes, so it is not possible to assess the effects of activities at land classification level. Most of these reserves are vested in an administering body and are not required to have management plans in place, so disapplication would not be possible.
- *Nature and Scientific Reserves* (1.34% of PCL), as access permits may be required for these areas.
- *Wilderness Areas* (1.28% of PCL) as activities can only be authorised in these areas if desirable or necessary for preserving indigenous natural resources, which would require case-by-case assessment.



- *Land administered under the Waitangi Endowment Act (0.01% of PCL)*, as the overarching purpose of the land is afforestation and silviculture.
- *Land held under section 7 of the Conservation Act that is designated as a Specially Protected Area (0.66% of PCL)* – set apart to preserve intact, with minimum human interference; an area that possesses indigenous plant or animal life or ecological, geological or historical features of significance.

## Terms and conditions

### Proposed conditions for all pre-approved activities

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| <b>Access</b>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The concession does not confer any right of access over any protected area leased by DOC. Any arrangements necessary for access over private land or leased land are the responsibility of the Concessionaire.</li> <li>• All pre-approved activities must be undertaken in line with the bylaws and regulations that apply to the sites on which they are taking place.</li> <li>• It is the responsibility of the Concessionaire to check availability of access to protected areas (including any seasonal access restrictions) prior to the trip (including checking the DOC website and relevant bylaws).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Biosecurity</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Concessionaire must take all precautions to ensure weeds are not introduced to the Land; this includes ensuring that all equipment, including vehicles, watercraft, footwear, gaiters, and packs used by the Concessionaire, its staff and clients are clean before entering the land.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must comply and ensure its clients comply with all guidelines and notices issued by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to prevent and avoid the spread of pests/threats including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kauri Dieback Disease (Phytophthora taxon Agathis).</li> <li>○ Didymo (Didymosphenia geminata) and other freshwater pests when moving between waterways.</li> <li>○ Myrtle rust.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Concessionaire must update themselves on MPI's requirements on a regular basis and provide advice to its clients as appropriate.</li> </ul>                                                |
| <b>Animals</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Concessionaire must not take and (for any guided activities) must ensure that its clients do not take, any animals, including dogs or any domestic pets, onto the land unless otherwise authorised.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Monitoring</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOC may send any officer of the Department to investigate any of the activities authorised during the term of this Concession for the purpose of assessing the impact on conservation values, the standard of service offered (where relevant) and compliance with the terms and conditions of the Concession, at no expense to the Grantor.</li> <li>• If DOC determines that the conditions of the concession or the effects of the Concession Activity should be monitored, the Concessionaire shall meet,: either: (a) the full costs of any monitoring programme that is implemented; or (b) if the Grantor determines that the costs should be apportioned among several Concessionaires who use the same locations, part of the costs of the monitoring programme.</li> <li>• These costs will include the Department's standard charge-out rates for staff time and the mileage rates for vehicle use associated with the monitoring programme.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Competitive allocation</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-approved concessions for each activity are available until any decision taken to tender the right to make an application, invite applications, or carry out other actions that may encourage specific applications for that activity under section 17ZG(2) (a).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

### Guiding – terms and conditions for all pre-approved guiding activities

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| <b>Maximum term length</b> | 12 months.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Maximum group sizes</b> | <p><b>Front country (Accessible zone)</b> - Max group size 15 people (including guides).</p> <p><b>Backcountry (Adventure zone)</b> - Max group size 15 people (including guides).</p> <p><b>Remote (solitude zone)</b> - Max group size 8 people (including guides).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a guided trip will cover more than one zone the lowest maximum will apply (e.g. a trip that crosses a remote and backcountry zone would have a limit of 8 people).</li> <li>• Additional note re overnight trips. The same maximums apply, but there may be additional limitations on group size for specific huts or campsites, in line with general condition (below) that the Concessionaire and their clients together with all other concessionaires and their clients must not occupy more than half the bunk space of any hut or half the camping sites (unless the hut is a sole use hut booked by the Concessionaire).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Huts and campsites</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hut and campsite use is on a first come first served basis. The Concessionaire and their clients together with all other concessionaires and their clients must not occupy more than half the bunk space of any hut or half the camping sites (unless the hut is a sole use hut booked by the Concessionaire).</li> <li>• The Concessionaire or their clients must carry alternative accommodation for any non-bookable hut stays operated under this Concession.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All charges, fees and levies for the use of DOC facilities are to be paid by concessionaires and clients (where applicable).</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must ensure that no permanent camp sites are created nor stores, or cache of any equipment is left on the Land or waters or in any hut without the specific authority of the Department's appropriate Operations Manager.</li> <li>• Where the Concessionaire makes use of DOC-administered huts, the Concessionaire must enter relevant details of the activity into the relevant hut book.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Other general conditions</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Concessionaire must ensure that clients remain on formed tracks and do not exceed any loading limitations placed on facilities and structures.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must ensure that none of its vehicles or vehicles of its clients are taken off formed roads. The Concessionaire must ensure that its vehicles and the vehicles of its clients are only parked only in designated parking areas.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must check track conditions before the trip and obey any signs regarding track closure.</li> <li>• Toilets must be used where provided. Any toilets supplied by the Concessionaire must be completely self-contained and all waste must be removed from the sites.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must remove their rubbish from PCL and ensure that their clients' rubbish is removed.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must have a copy of this concession on them for the duration of the trip.</li> <li>• <i>[To add - condition re appropriate qualifications for guides]</i>.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Other permits</b>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Concessionaire must check that their clients hold relevant licenses and permits necessary to undertake the activity before starting that activity (e.g. drivers licenses).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Interaction with other PCL users</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Concessionaire must ensure that public access, public viewing opportunities and public enjoyment of public conservation land is not obstructed or restricted as a result of the activity.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must ensure that they and their clients share the track with other recreational users and concessionaires (i.e, allow others to pass on the track without being blocked by the group).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Indigenous vegetation</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No indigenous vegetation is to be disturbed or cleared.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Interaction with wildlife</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Concessionaire must take all reasonable care to ensure wildlife are not disturbed unnecessarily.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Heritage</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Concessionaire must not disturb cultural heritage values on the Land and/or in the Water, including (but is not limited to) archaeological sites, cultural heritage sites, wāhi tapu, urupā, artefacts/taonga and protected New Zealand objects.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Interpretation materials and wāhi tapu</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Concessionaire must seek guidance of iwi who claim mana whenua over any parts of the Land if they wish to use cultural information or interpretation on matters of iwi cultural significance. The Concessionaire must recognise the sensitivity of wāhi tapu and urupā.</li> <li>• If the Concessionaire wishes to use the Tōpuni or statutory acknowledgement information contained in any Settlement Act, they are requested to notify the relevant iwi, as a matter of courtesy.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must, as far as practicable, attend any workshops held by the Department for the purpose of providing information to concessionaires about the use of cultural information and wāhi tapu.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## Guiding – activity-specific conditions

| Description of activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Draft terms and conditions                                                                               |
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| <b>Guided walking (day walk or overnight/multiday)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial guided walking on formed tracks or formed routes where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.</li> <li>• Activity can be within a day, overnight or multi-day and may include staying in accommodation on PCL (whether a tent or hut etc).</li> <li>• Transportation (e.g. transporting clients by motor vehicle to and from PCL and motor vehicle transfers associated with a guided trip) is a separate activity (refer below). Air transport is not included as a pre-approved activity and requires a standard concession.</li> </ul> | No additional conditions.                                                                                |
| <b>Guided biking/mountain bike trips</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial guided trips on formed roads and designated bike</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum group size– as per guiding conditions above.</li> </ul> |

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| <p>tracks or multi-use tracks where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes guided trips on e-bikes (i.e. power assisted cycles with an auxiliary electric motor with a maximum power not exceeding 300W) on formed tracks where e-biking is not prohibited by bylaws.</li> <li>Activity can be within a day, overnight or multi-day and may include staying in accommodation on PCL (whether a tent or hut etc).</li> <li>Transportation (e.g. transporting clients by vehicle to and from PCL and vehicle transfers associated with a guided trip) is a separate activity (refer below).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Concessionaire must ensure that their guides and clients adhere to the Mountain Bikers Code at all times.</li> <li>Bikes must not be taken into huts, or onto or under hut steps, verandas or porches.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Guided horse-trekking</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial horse-trek guiding on formed roads and tracks where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.</li> <li>Activity must be undertaken within an 8-hour period, with no need for overnight accommodation.</li> <li>Transportation (e.g. transporting clients by vehicle to and from PCL and vehicle transfers associated with a guided trip) is a separate activity (refer below).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum group size– as per guiding conditions above.</li> <li>All horses, staff, and clients must stay on formed roads and tracks designated for horses and where horse-riding is not prohibited by bylaws.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must ensure that they and their clients share the track with other recreational users and concessionaires (i.e., single file where practicable and allowing others to pass on the track without being blocked by the horse trekking group).</li> <li>The Concessionaire and their clients must not ride or lead horses in an inconsiderate, careless, or dangerous manner.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must ensure that any horses brought onto the land are fed on weed-free fodder and pastures wherever practicable.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must, as far as practicable, clear horse manure from the tracks used.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Guided rock-climbing trips</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial guided rock-climbing day trips in locations identified in [<i>link to list</i>] and where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.</li> <li>Includes rope-climbing where there are authorised fixed bolts and anchors already in place) and bouldering.</li> <li>Activity can be within a day, overnight or multi-day and may include staying in accommodation on PCL (whether a tent or hut etc).</li> <li>Transportation (e.g. transporting clients by vehicle to and from PCL and vehicle transfers associated with a guided trip) is a separate activity (refer below).</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum group size– as per guiding conditions above.</li> <li>It the responsibility of the concessionaire to update themselves on the availability of a location prior to undertaking the activity.</li> <li>You must encourage guides and clients to take care not to disturb or damage vegetation on and around the abseiling sites.</li> <li>Any abseiling ropes and carabiners used for the activity must be placed in a manner that avoids damage to trees and native vegetation and must be removed from the site following each trip.</li> <li>Do not brush moss or lichen from the cliff unless necessary for safety reasons.</li> <li>You must brush off chalk tick marks.</li> <li>When other climbers are present, guides and clients must give them due consideration and allow them access to the bolts, routes and locations.</li> <li>Respect any temporary restrictions on access to climbing sites. These are identified by signage at site and/or alerts on DOC’s website.</li> <li>Limit your activities at a crag to the cliff, its top and its base to minimise damage to surrounding areas.</li> <li>Do not add to fixed bolting equipment. A separate concession is required to install bolts and anchors.</li> <li>Always be aware of hazards to others, especially at busy crags and/or crags with loose rock.</li> <li>You must adhere to the New Zealand Alpine Club’s codes and standards (link).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Non-powered, water-based guiding (e.g. kayaking, canoeing, white-water rafting)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch and landing non-powered boats (including but not limited to kayaking, canoeing, white-water rafting) for the purpose of guiding and where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.</li> <li>Activity can be within a day, overnight or multi-day and may include staying in accommodation on PCL (whether a tent or hut etc).</li> <li>Transportation (e.g. transporting clients by vehicle to and from PCL and vehicle transfers associated with a guided trip) is a separate activity (refer below).</li> </ul>                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum group size– as per guiding conditions above.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must use existing vehicle access and watercraft launching facilities wherever possible.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must ensure that any vehicle and trailer used by the Concessionaire or its clients does not restrict access to members of the public.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must ensure that any watercraft and trailer used are removed from launching areas when not in use. The Concessionaire acknowledges that this concession conveys no special rights or privileges regarding the use of a boat ramp, jetty or any other facility.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must ensure that the watercraft used for the concession activity is well maintained.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must comply with any loading restrictions on structures (e.g. jetties).</li> <li>The Concessionaire must take all practicable measures to keep noise to a minimum and maintain the natural quiet of areas visited.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| Four-wheel driving and quad-biking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial guided motor vehicle trips (including in 4WD, quad bikes or motorbikes) on roads where the activity is permitted by bylaws or regulations.</li> <li>Activity can be within a day, overnight or multi-day and may include staying in accommodation on PCL (whether a tent or hut etc).</li> <li>Transportation (e.g. transporting clients by vehicle to and from PCL and vehicle transfers associated with a guided trip) is a separate activity (refer below).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum group size– as per guiding conditions above.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must display a copy of this concession in the vehicle.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must ensure that any vehicles used under this concession are only used on formed roads and driven to limit track damage.</li> <li>All vehicles must be driven in a responsible and safe manner respecting other traffic on the road, including other 4WD's, motorcycles, mountain bikers and walkers.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must take all practicable measures to keep noise to a minimum and maintain the natural quiet of areas visited.</li> <li>All motor vehicles should yield to other recreational users.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must not refuel or lubricate machinery or vehicles on any riverbed and must not store fuel on public conservation land.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must have emergency plans in place, including for cleaning up any fuel or oil spills.</li> <li>All vehicles used under this concession must have a spark arrestor. The Concessionaire must ensure that a fire extinguisher in good working order is carried at all times and that the Concessionaire and its staff (if applicable) are trained in the use of the fire extinguisher.</li> <li>In the event of a vehicle break-down, it is the responsibility of the Concessionaire, with the relevant permissions from DOC, to remove the vehicle.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must always thoroughly clean any vehicles used under this concession before and after trips to minimise spreading weeds and diseases.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must respect the right of others for quiet enjoyment and avoid noisy driving.</li> <li>If winching is necessary, use another vehicle. If you must use a tree, use webbing or padding to prevent damage to the tree.</li> <li>Some areas are only accessible by 4wd seasonally. It is the responsibility of the Concessionaire to find out from the relevant land manager (DOC, local council, NZTA, landowners, etc) about seasonal restrictions on 4wd use and seasonal road closures.</li> </ul> |

## Transportation

| Description of activity                                                                                                                                                                 | Draft terms and conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Commercial boat transport using powered watercraft (e.g. water taxis, charter boat trips, scheduled boat trips)</b>                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Launch and landing of powered watercraft for water transportation (including water taxi trips charter boat trips, jet boat trips).                                                      | <b>Maximum term length</b><br>12 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Includes drop off and pick up using use existing vehicle access and watercraft launching facilities where they exist and where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations. | <b>Boat use conditions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Concession does not give any authority for organised guiding activities to take place on the Land and any such activity requires a separate concession.</li> <li>The Concessionaire's vessel must display the concession.</li> <li>The Concessionaire's vessel must have a fully operational tracking device.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must have all relevant documentation to cover all aspects of their operation both on the Land and the coastal waters. This includes any relevant Maritime Document required by a Maritime Rule made under the Maritime Transport Act 1994, any licence or other written authorisation required by any relevant Act or Bylaw. The concession shall cease to have effect for any period that any such document or authorisation is not held or current.</li> </ul> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Other conditions</b><br>Other conditions as per standard conditions for guiding activities above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Commercial transport to and from public conservation land</b>                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Commercial transport to and from public conservation land using formed roads and carparks, where the activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.                               | <b>Maximum term length</b><br>12 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Vehicle use conditions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Concessionaire must ensure that any vehicles used under this concession are only used on formed roads and in designated parking areas.</li> <li>The Concessionaire must display a copy of this concession in the vehicle.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Concessionaire must abide by the laws and regulations covering all vehicles and drivers and have all relevant documentation to cover all aspects of their operation. This includes any relevant licence or other written authorisation required under any relevant Act or Bylaw. This concession shall cease to have effect for any period that any such document or authorisation is not held or current.</li> <li>• All vehicles must be driven in a responsible and safe manner respecting other traffic on the road.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must have emergency plans in place, including for cleaning up any fuel or oil spills.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must ensure that a fire extinguisher in good working order is carried at all times and that the Concessionaire and its staff (if applicable) are trained in the use of the fire extinguisher.</li> <li>• In the event of a vehicle break-down, it is the responsibility of the Concessionaire, with the relevant permissions from DOC, to remove the vehicle.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must always thoroughly clean any vehicles used under this concession before and after trips to minimise spreading weeds and diseases.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire must respect the right of others for quiet enjoyment and avoid noisy driving.</li> <li>• The Concessionaire’s vehicle must have a fully operational tracking device.</li> </ul> |
|  | <p><b>Other conditions</b></p> <p>Other conditions as per standard conditions for guiding activities above.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## Drones

| Description of activity                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Draft terms and conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Drone use</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>One-off drone use on PCL where activity is not prohibited by bylaws or regulations.</p> <p>May include use for recreational, commercial or scientific purposes.</p> <p>Locations for use identified on <i>[map]</i></p> | <p><b>Maximum term length</b></p> <p>3 months</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>It the responsibility of the concessionaire to update themselves on the availability of a location prior to undertaking the activity.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>CAA requirements</b> You must ensure you have identified the type of airspace you are operating in, and any additional Civil Aviation Rules for operating in that airspace.</p> <p>You must comply with the New Zealand Civil Aviation Rules for drone operators.</p> <p>When flying the drone, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure you have a copy of this concession with you.</li> <li>• Always keep your drone in direct sight.</li> <li>• Not fly in darkness, cloud, or fog.</li> <li>• Not fly above 120 metres (400 feet) from the ground.</li> </ul> <p>You must cease operation if required by a uniformed or warranted member of staff of the Department of Conservation.</p> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Interaction with other aircraft</b></p> <p>If you encounter piloted aircraft, you must give way and land the drone immediately. You must not resume operating the drone until the piloted aircraft has left the area.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Interaction with other PCL users</b></p> <p>You must keep the drone a safe and reasonable distance from people and buildings/ structures/ utilities.</p> <p>If filming for commercial purposes, you must take reasonable steps to advise other PCL users of the drone’s presence and purpose, in accordance with the Privacy Act.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Interaction with wildlife</b></p> <p>You may fly the drone near or over wildlife but when doing so you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take off or land at least 100m from any wildlife.</li> <li>• Fly no closer than 50m from any wildlife.</li> </ul> <p>You must not fly the drone over roosting/nesting birds. You must not hover (i.e., keep the drone in a continuous position) over any wildlife.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|  | <p>If any wildlife repeatedly circles and/or engages directly with the drone (i.e., dive bombs), you must land the drone immediately and cease the drone operation.</p> <p>You must not use the drone to deliberately pursue, harass, or disturb any wildlife.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|  | <p><b>Interaction with marine mammals</b></p> <p>To avoid disturbing or harassing marine mammals you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly no closer than 150 metres horizontally from a point directly above any marine mammal.</li> <li>• Not disturb or harass any marine mammal with your drone (i.e., do not deliberately herd or scatter them).</li> <li>• Not make any sudden or repeated change in speed or direction.</li> <li>• Abandon contact at the first sign of any marine mammal being disturbed.</li> <li>• Take off at least 100 metres from any marine mammal on the shore or the land.</li> </ul> <p>You must not hover (i.e., keep the drone in a continuous position) over any marine mammal.</p> <p>If the marine mammal appears distressed or disturbed by the drone, you must land the drone immediately and cease the drone operation.</p> <p>You must not use the drone to deliberately pursue, harass, or disturb any marine mammal.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Incidents or near misses</b></p> <p>Any drone-related incidents or near misses must be reported to the relevant DOC operations manager. These may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collisions with or stressed wildlife or marine mammals</li> <li>• Lost drones</li> <li>• Near misses with other drones or piloted aircraft</li> <li>• Adverse interactions with other users of PCL.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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## Research and collection - terms and conditions for all pre-approved research and collection activities

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| <b>Maximum term length</b>              | 3 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Interaction with other PCL users</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must ensure that public access, public viewing opportunities and public enjoyment of public conservation land is not obstructed or restricted as a result of the activity.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Site management</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must remove all markers, tape, or other material used for the purposes of the activity within one day of the activity being completed.</li> <li>• Collection sites are to be left in as natural a state as possible. All equipment must be removed from the site after the activities have been completed.</li> <li>• Collection in wetlands must be done near the margins and not in the wetland itself.</li> <li>• You must, as far as practical, take all reasonable care not to damage any plant species in the vicinity of the activity sites or destabilise sites.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Interaction with wildlife</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Concessionaire must take all reasonable care to ensure wildlife are not disturbed unnecessarily.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Heritage</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must not disturb any cultural heritage values on the land and/or in the water which includes (but is not limited to) archaeological sites, historic heritage sites, koiwi/burials, artefacts/taonga and protected New Zealand objects.</li> <li>• In the event that a suspected site, place, object or koiwi/burial of cultural origin is found during any work on the land and/or in the water, work must cease immediately, and advice must be sought from DOC.</li> </ul>                                                                                                        |
| <b>Wāhi tapu</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must recognise the sensitivity of wāhi tapu and urupa and ensure that collection does not take place in any area identified as wāhi tapu or known site of significance to tangata whenua that has public access restrictions.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Reporting and records</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The concessionaire must share copies of their research with DOC and with any local iwi who request it.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Drones</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of drones requires a separate approval.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



## Conditions for each research and collection activity

| Description of activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Draft terms and conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Limited collection of rocks</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited collection of minerals listed on <i>[link to list]</i>.</li> <li>Collection for research or cultural purposes.</li> <li>Excludes fossils and cave formations, including stalactites and stalagmites.</li> <li>Excludes all metallic minerals, fuel minerals, precious stones (as defined in the Crown Minerals Act 1991) and a prescribed substance within the meaning of the Atomic Energy Act 1945.</li> <li>Excludes pounamu.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited to what an individual can carry on their person within a 24-hour period and limited to a maximum of 3 day trips per year.</li> <li>Not using more than handheld, unpowered equipment to collect samples.</li> <li>No blasting or use of explosives to remove rocks.</li> <li>Collection limited to terrestrial protected areas.</li> <li>Collection must not be from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a cultural heritage site.</li> <li>archaeological sites protected under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 <a href="#">[link]</a>.</li> <li>a contaminated site as identified on <a href="#">[link]</a>.</li> <li>a geopreservation site as identified on the New Zealand Geopreservation Inventory <a href="#">[link]</a>.</li> <li>a Pounamu Management Area <a href="#">[link]</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Where any pounamu is found, you must notify the Pounamu Manager, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Christchurch, and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae-Chairperson.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Limited collection of soil</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited collection of soil for research or cultural purposes.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampling fewer than five times at the site.</li> <li>Limited to what an individual can carry on their person within a 24-hour period. and limited to a maximum 3 day trips per year.</li> <li>Site must be returned to the original soil profile.</li> <li>Collection must not be from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a cultural heritage site.</li> <li>archaeological sites protected under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 <a href="#">[link]</a>.</li> <li>a contaminated site as identified on <a href="#">[link]</a>.</li> <li>a geopreservation site as identified on the New Zealand Geopreservation Inventory <a href="#">[link]</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Limited collection of non-protected wildlife</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited collection of species not protected under the Wildlife Act 1953 for research or cultural purposes.</li> <li>Only species listed in <i>[link to schedule]</i> can be collected. Does not include bees.</li> <li>Includes catching, handling and collection of live or dead animals, any parts of such, and any eggs or progeny.</li> <li>May include destructive samples.</li> <li>Does not include bird banding.</li> </ul>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unless for pest species, collection is only authorised in areas where there is a population of at least 20 individuals of the species to be collected.</li> <li>Samples are limited to what an individual can carry on their person within a 24-hour period and limited to a maximum 3 day trips per year.</li> <li>Does not include use of fumigants or coring to collect samples.</li> <li>You must take all practicable measures to avoid impacting other flora and fauna at a site.</li> <li>You must not collect from any naturally uncommon ecosystems as listed by Landcare New Zealand <a href="https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/publications/naturally-uncommon-ecosystems/">https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/publications/naturally-uncommon-ecosystems/</a></li> <li>Wildlife subject to this concession are not to be transferred to any other person. This prohibition includes live or dead animals, any parts of such, and any eggs or progeny.</li> <li>Feather collection must be undertaken according to the methodologies set out in the <i>[Department of Conservation Avian Blood/Feather Sampling and Reptilian Tissue Collection Standard Operating Procedure]</i>.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Collection of non-threatened flora /plants / fungi</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collection of non-threatened flora /plants / fungi /seeds for research purposes.</li> <li>Does not include collection of threatened flora/fungi (refer schedule or external list).</li> <li>May also include collection for cultural purposes.</li> <li>Not using more than handheld equipment to collect material.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samples are limited to what an individual can carry on their person within a 24-hour period and limited to a maximum 3 day trips per year.</li> <li>You must take all practicable measures to avoid impacting other flora and fauna at a site.</li> <li>You must not collect from any naturally uncommon ecosystems as listed by Landcare New Zealand <a href="https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/publications/naturally-uncommon-ecosystems/">https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/publications/naturally-uncommon-ecosystems/</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Non-native species (refer list)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For non-native species there is no limit on quantity collected.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The specimens, including any seed, must be stored in a sealed bag when transported in the field to avoid further spreading the species beyond the collection site.</li> </ul> <p><b>Native species (refer list)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must limit the size of samples to the smallest amount necessary for the purposes of your research activity.</li> <li>Individual plants may be sampled only once. Every attempt should be made to limit collecting to one sample per species per day.</li> <li>Samples must be collected in accordance with [procedure with detailed info re what part of plants can be collected etc].</li> </ul> |
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## Events and filming - terms and conditions for all pre-approved activities

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| <b>Maximum term length</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 months</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Use of DOC facilities</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must remain on formed tracks or well-used routes designed to protect natural and historic features of the land and not exceed any loading limitations placed on facilities and structures.</li> <li>Toilets must be used where provided.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Interaction with other PCL users</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must ensure that public access, public viewing opportunities and public enjoyment of public conservation land is not obstructed or restricted as a result of the activity.</li> <li>For filming undertaken in or near campsites, all noise associated with filming must commence no earlier than 9am and cease no later than 10.00pm.</li> <li>[To add - condition re artificial light].</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Vehicles</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must ensure that any vehicles used to access conservation land, including to deliver film or event equipment, are used on formed roads and are parked in designated parking areas.</li> <li>Vehicles used for the purpose of filming and events must not occupy more than half the available parking spaces.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Site management</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must, as far as practical, take all reasonable care not to damage any plant species in the vicinity of the activity sites.</li> <li>You must remove all rubbish from PCL after the event.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Interaction with wildlife</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must take all reasonable care to ensure wildlife are not disturbed unnecessarily.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Heritage</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must not disturb any cultural heritage values on the land and/or in the water which includes (but is not limited to) archaeological sites, historic heritage sites, koiwi/burials, artefacts/taonga and protected New Zealand objects.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Interpretation materials and wāhi tapu</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must seek guidance of iwi who claim mana whenua over any parts of the land if you wish to use cultural information or interpretation on matters of iwi cultural significance.</li> <li>You must recognise the sensitivity of wāhi tapu and urupa and ensure that the activity does not take place in any area identified as wāhi tapu or known site of significance to tangata whenua that has public access restrictions.</li> <li>If the Concessionaire wishes to use the Tōpuni or statutory acknowledgement information contained in any Settlement Act, they are requested to notify the relevant iwi, as a matter of courtesy.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>In respect to Ngāi Tahu</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where filming has been undertaken on public conservation land within the Ngāi Tahu takiwā especially in an area known to be of cultural significance to Ngāi Tahu, you are requested to provide an acknowledgement in the film credits (where these exist) that some of the filming was undertaken in the tribal area of Ngāi Tahu.</li> <li>You are required to be aware of and adhere to guidelines for filming developed by Te Rūnanga O Ngāi Tahu and the Screen Production and Directors Association. For more information visit <a href="http://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/wpcontent/uploads/2013/11/Filming-Guidelines-Within-Takiwa-of-NgaiTahu.pdf">http://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/wpcontent/uploads/2013/11/Filming-Guidelines-Within-Takiwa-of-NgaiTahu.pdf</a>.</li> <li>You are requested not to portray any Ngāi Tahu spiritual, cultural, historical, or traditional association in the film without first consulting Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the relevant Papatipu Rūnanga. <a href="http://www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz">www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz</a></li> </ul> |



## Conditions for each film and event activity

| Description of activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Draft terms and conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Small scale commercial events on formed tracks or in established visitor areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concession is for one-off event and must occur within one day (no more than 24 hours) including set up and pack down.</li> <li>Type of events may include, but not limited to, weddings or other celebrations.</li> <li>Non-competitive events only (for example, does not include competitive sporting events that include running, biking, horse riding, vehicles).</li> <li>Separate concession needed for commercial filming, photography or drone use.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No permanent structures are to be erected.</li> <li>The event must take place on formed tracks or in established visitor areas.</li> <li>The event must not require the exclusive use of the areas or restrict the access of others on the land.</li> <li>The event must not compromise the safety or enjoyment of other users in the area.</li> <li>Concessionaires may only take clients to places where the facilities (for example toilets) are appropriate for the group size and activity.</li> <li>No amplified sound.</li> <li>Public shelters must not be used for the event.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Small scale or medium scale commercial filming or photography on formed tracks or in established visitor areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concession is for one-off filming or photography projects and all onsite filming must take place within a 7-day period (consecutive days) for small scale filming or within a 21-day period (consecutive days) for medium scale filming.</li> <li>Filming can only take place on existing tracks and/or in established visitor areas.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No permanent structures are to be erected.</li> <li>The project must not require the exclusive use of the areas or compromise the enjoyment or safety of other users in the area.</li> <li>You must not modify natural features in order to improve camera angles or locations.</li> <li>You must not attach any equipment to existing structures which will irreversibly change or temporarily/permanently damage structures.</li> <li>You must take reasonable steps to advise other PCL users of the filming presence and purpose, in accordance with the Privacy Act.</li> <li>Filming is not permitted on weekends and public holidays.</li> <li>No road or track closures are to be in effect for the purpose of this filming.</li> <li>The use of a drone requires a separate permission.</li> </ul> |

## Attachment D – Descriptions of visitor zones

| Visitor zone                                 | General description of the zone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Attributes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Objectives (result expected from managing the zone for the purpose) (Guides what may be permitted in each visitor zone)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <i>Amenity area (land classification)</i>    | <p><i>Areas to provide for facilities and infrastructure that support visitor access to and use of conservation areas.</i></p> <p><i>Legislation enables development and operation of recreational and public amenities and related services appropriate for public use and enjoyment of conservation land.</i></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Front country zone                           | Areas that provide easy access where most recreation and tourism occur while protecting the significant natural or cultural features that attract visitors.                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low-moderate tranquillity/natural quiet</li> <li>• Moderate levels of naturalness including (visual, landscape qualities, natural light)</li> <li>• At urban sites low levels of naturalness</li> <li>• May include significant natural or cultural features that attract visitors</li> <li>• Low levels of solitude</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant natural and cultural heritage features at key visitor sites are protected from cumulative effects.</li> <li>• Visitors of most ages and abilities can easily access this zone</li> <li>• There is some (and occasionally higher) intrusion of infrastructure and other activities and a high degree of control, generally focused around key visitor sites and other high-use areas without diminishing the quality of their experience</li> <li>• There is a range of group sizes and social encounters, including large groups at times, Group sizes are managed to maintain a balanced experience, with thresholds set for some key sites and tracks.</li> <li>• There are tolerate moderate levels of artificial light at some sites where it contributes to the visitor experience.</li> <li>• There are low levels of noise, except at some sites where moderate levels of noise are associated with the visitor experience, so long as it does not unduly compromise the sense of tranquillity (low-medium tranquillity level).</li> </ul>     |
| Back country zone                            | Large-scale natural settings where recreational activities are encouraged but infrastructure is limited to appropriate facilities, and the visitor experience supports a sense of space and quiet while the integrity of the natural and cultural values that attract visitors is protected.                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderate-high tranquillity/natural quiet</li> <li>• Moderate-high levels of naturalness (including visual, landscape qualities)</li> <li>• Moderate-high levels of solitude</li> <li>• Predominantly natural light source</li> </ul>                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The integrity of the natural and cultural heritage features remains protected from cumulative impacts of use</li> <li>• Access requires some effort and planning (typically involving gravel roads, 4WD, tracks, waterways or aircraft landings, with walking and biking focused beyond the influence of motorised access)</li> <li>• Appropriate infrastructure can be expected where the effects on the visitor experience are adequately avoided, remedied or mitigated.</li> <li>• There are moderate to high levels of solitude with opportunities to be away from other groups (preferred maximum group size 15).</li> <li>• There are generally low noise levels, but moderate noise is tolerated at times, provided it does not significantly compromise the tranquillity of the setting (medium tranquillity level).</li> <li>• Artificial light is generally limited to low levels, with higher levels tolerated only at key sites where it supports safety and amenity without significantly affecting the tranquillity of the environment.</li> </ul> |
| Remote zone                                  | Large scale remote natural settings with limited low impact infrastructure, where the experience is centred on solitude, immersion in nature, low contact with others and personal challenge ensuring protection of the natural remote setting.                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High levels of tranquillity / natural quiet</li> <li>• High level of naturalness (including visual, landscape qualities)</li> <li>• Reasonably high level of solitude</li> <li>• Natural light source</li> </ul>                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access requires considerable self-reliance on back country skills (five or more hours travel mostly on foot from Front Country Zone, occasionally access supported by aircraft).</li> <li>• There is minimal intrusion of infrastructure</li> <li>• There is a reasonably high level of solitude, with minimal visual and noise intrusion from other people or activities, allowing for a peaceful and immersive experience in the natural environment (high tranquillity level).</li> <li>• There are low levels of noise intrusion</li> <li>• There is very low level of artificial light</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Wilderness area (land classification)</i> | <p><i>Areas of solitude and natural quiet.</i></p> <p><i>Legislation restricts erection of buildings, machinery; access for livestock, vehicles, or motorised vessels or motorised aircraft; and construction of roads, tracks, or trails.</i></p>                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Attachment E – Proposed pre-assessed activities

- **Green:** consistent with the land classification or visitor zone; this is where DOC anticipates activities will occur.
- **Red:** activity is inconsistent with the land classification or visitor zone. While concession applications may be made in these areas, they will almost certainly be declined as they will be inconsistent with the area plan – consistency with the area plan is a requirement for a concession to be approved.
- **White:** pre-assessment is not appropriate and consistency with the land classification or visitor zone will be assessed on a case-by-case basis through the concessions process.

| Activity                                             | Land classification |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        |       |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|--------|-------|----------|
|                                                      | National Parks      | Conservation Parks | Stewardship Areas | Scenic Reserves | Recreation Reserves | Ecological Areas | Nature and Scientific Reserves | Marginal Strips | Wildlife Management Areas | Amenity Areas | Historic Reserves | Sanctuary Areas | Specially protected areas in National Parks | Other* |       |          |
| % of PCL                                             | 34.16               | 23.78              | 26.81             | 4.73            | 2.62                | 1.50             | 1.34                           | 0.6             | 0.27                      | 0.11          | 0.07              | 0.04            |                                             | 3.97   |       |          |
| Recreation and tourism infrastructure and facilities |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        |       | % of PCL |
| Unsealed tracks                                      |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 88.08 |          |
| Sealed tracks                                        |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 88.08 |          |
| Commercial events                                    |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 88.08 |          |
| Small tourism facilities (huts, toilets, shelters)   |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 87.48 |          |
| Campgrounds                                          |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 87.48 |          |
| Car parks                                            |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.32 |          |
| Outdoor education camps                              |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.32 |          |
| 4WD tracks                                           |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.32 |          |
| Large tourism facilities                             |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 0.11  |          |
| Grazing, beehives and planting                       |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        |       |          |
| Native planting                                      |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 94.32 |          |
| Exotic harvest                                       |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 90.82 |          |
| Grazing                                              |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.21 |          |
| Right of way for livestock                           |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.21 |          |
| Collection of flora                                  |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.21 |          |
| Beehives                                             |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 50.59 |          |
| Cropping                                             |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 50.59 |          |
| Utilities, roading and public infrastructure         |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        |       |          |
| Monitoring                                           |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 88.71 |          |
| Wharves                                              |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 87.48 |          |
| Bulk fuel storage                                    |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 87.48 |          |
| Retaining wall                                       |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.32 |          |
| Below-ground pipes and cables                        |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.32 |          |
| Above-ground masts and cables                        |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.32 |          |
| Water supply schemes                                 |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.32 |          |
| Flood protection                                     |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.32 |          |
| Roads                                                |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 53.32 |          |
| Hydroelectric                                        |                     |                    |                   |                 |                     |                  |                                |                 |                           |               |                   |                 |                                             |        | 50.21 |          |

\*Includes local and government purpose reserves (0.54% of PCL), wilderness areas (1.28% of PCL), land administered under the Waitangi Endowment Act (0.01% of PCL), other land held under section 7 of the Conservation Act for conservation purposes (2.14% of PCL).

| Activity                                                    | Visitor Zone  |                    |                   |             |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|
|                                                             | Amenity Areas | Front country zone | Back country zone | Remote zone | Wilderness Areas |
| <b>Recreation and tourism infrastructure and facilities</b> |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Unsealed tracks                                             |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Sealed tracks                                               |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Commercial events                                           |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Small tourism facilities (huts, toilets, shelters)          |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Campgrounds                                                 |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Car parks                                                   |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Outdoor education camps                                     |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| 4WD tracks                                                  |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Large tourism facilities                                    |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| <b>Grazing, beehives and planting</b>                       |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Native planting                                             |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Exotic harvest                                              |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Grazing                                                     |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Right of way for livestock                                  |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Collection of flora                                         |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Beehives                                                    |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Cropping                                                    |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| <b>Utilities, roading and public infrastructure</b>         |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Monitoring                                                  |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Wharves                                                     |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Bulk fuel storage                                           |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Retaining wall                                              |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Below-ground pipes and cables                               |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Above-ground masts and cables                               |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Water supply schemes                                        |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Flood protection                                            |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Roads                                                       |               |                    |                   |             |                  |
| Hydroelectric                                               |               |                    |                   |             |                  |

## **Attachment F - List of Crown activities to be exempted from district resource management rules**

| <b>Tracks, roads and car parks</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Activity scope</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Description of associated works</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Construction of new tracks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct tracks and roads using cut to fill excavation, cut to waste excavation and levelling using hand tools, motorised equipment and machinery.</li> <li>• Excavate batter slopes to a maximum height of 1.5 m.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Improvements and upgrades to any existing track, including partial or complete realignment, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mitigate any environmental impact, health and safety concern or visitor risk; and/or</li> <li>• take advantage of better grades and terrain features; and/or</li> <li>• incorporate elements of natural or historic landscape; and/or</li> <li>• provide improved access for any management purpose.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation removal from the full width of the track corridor, and discretionary removal of any vegetation beyond the track and road corridor that is considered hazardous or that may adversely affect track components such as batter slopes, drainage or track surface materials.</li> <li>• Aggregate surfacing, including placement and compaction of local and imported materials (from approved, pest-plant-free sources).</li> <li>• Use local materials in the vicinity of the asset corridor where necessary for obtaining fill/surfacing materials.</li> <li>• Ground works of in-ground timber steps, including formation and levelling, drainage, and timber construction.</li> <li>• Construct drainage and redirect surface water from the track surface to existing natural contours using various means, such as culvert pipes, drainage sumps, cut-outs and cross boards.</li> <li>• Re-form and widen roads to provide safe access for two vehicles and road stability to the required standards. Drainage improvement to prevent erosion and deterioration of the road surface and structure, and to provide safe vehicle access.</li> <li>• Maintain historic heritage features associated with the track or road to ensure that they are not adversely impacted.</li> </ul> |

| Structures and buildings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Activity scope                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Management actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Upgrade existing structures and buildings                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparatory site works such as vegetation removal, formation and levelling of structures and building footprints, and excavation of piles and footings.</li><li>• Works associated with water reticulation and sewage containment/treatment.</li><li>• Construct drainage and redirect surface water from structure and building footprint to existing natural contours using various means, such as culvert pipes, drainage sumps and cut-outs.</li><li>• Construct structures and buildings such as bridges, boardwalks, stairs, handrails, safety barriers, viewing platforms, huts, shelters, toilets, signage and ladders.</li><li>• Maintenance of historic heritage features associated with the structure or building to ensure that their integrity is not adversely impacted.</li></ul>                                                                                    |
| Scheduled ‘like for like’ replacement of existing structures and buildings (substantially similar structures and buildings built on the same footprint or within the immediate vicinity)                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Construct new structures and buildings                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Improvements to any existing structure and building considered necessary to mitigate any environmental impact and health and safety concern, or to provide improved access for any management purpose.                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Campsites and amenities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Activity scope                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Management actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Upgrade existing campsites and amenities                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparatory site works such as vegetation removal, formation and levelling of campsite and amenity footprint, and excavation of piles and footings.</li><li>• Works associated with water reticulation and sewage containment/treatment, including effluent dispersal fields and in-ground waste tanks.</li><li>• Construct drainage and redirect surface water from building and structural campsite and amenity footprint to existing natural contours using various means such as culvert pipes, drainage sumps and cut-outs.</li><li>• Construct campsites and amenities such as bridges, boardwalks, stairs, handrails, safety barriers, shelters, toilets, showers, signage and ladders.</li><li>• Maintenance of historic heritage features, including historic botanicals, associated with the campsite or amenity to ensure that they are not adversely impacted.</li></ul> |
| Scheduled ‘like for like’ replacement of existing campsites and amenity assets (substantially similar campsites and amenities built on the same footprint or within the immediate vicinity)                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Construct new campsites and amenities                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Construct new assets such as structures and buildings as a component of development work for new campsites and amenity areas.                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Improvements to any existing asset or establishment of new assets considered necessary to manage, meet regulatory requirements and mitigate any environmental impact or health and safety concern, or to provide improved access for any management purpose. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Historic assets – remedial work and maintenance                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Activity scope                                                                                                                        | Management actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Maintenance of historic places to departmental service standards, and ICOMOS and Heritage NZ standards and guidelines.                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vegetation management around historic places, maintenance of drainage channels and management of safety issues including barrier construction and installation of interpretative panels.</li><li>• Repairs and conservation treatments as scheduled to concrete, masonry, metal, timber and earthwork structures.</li><li>• Maintenance of historic heritage features, including historic botanicals, associated with the historic asset to ensure that they are not adversely impacted.</li></ul> |
| Stabilisation of condition of historic assets by conservation treatments and land stabilising, e.g. construction of retaining walls.  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Signs                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Activity scope                                                                                                                        | Management actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Erection of signage for the purpose of providing information and interpretation to the public.                                        | Works associated with the erection of signage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Other management-related activities                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Activity scope                                                                                                                        | Management actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Erection of boundary fences.                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vegetation removal to provide clear lines for fences.</li><li>• Pest animal operations (note: discharge permits will be required for operations utilising pesticides).</li><li>• Earthworks and vegetation clearance associated with habitat enhancement, i.e. pond/drain creation or re-alignment and fire management</li><li>• General access required to undertake the activity.</li><li>• Clearance of indigenous vegetation and habitats incidental to any works</li></ul>                    |
| Installation, operation, and maintenance of any scientific monitoring equipment                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Habitat enhancement.                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Pest control and/or eradication.                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Fire management, including construction of airstrips for fire-fighting purposes                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Landing and take-off of aircraft</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Aircraft associated aerial operations for conservation purposes, including but not limited to biodiversity and biosecurity management |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

| Hazardous goods and contamination                                  |                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Activity scope                                                     | Management actions                                                                                                                                             |
| Use, transportation, storage and disposal of hazardous substances. | Use, transportation, storage and disposal of hazardous substances including, but not limited to, flammable liquids, pesticides, herbicides and treated timber. |
| Remediation of contaminated sites                                  | Works associated with the remediation of contaminated sites.                                                                                                   |
| Offal pits and burial pits                                         | Clearance of vegetation and soil disturbance associated with creating offal and burial pits                                                                    |



# **Attachment G: Summary of submissions on the National Conservation Policy Statement (NCPS)**

## **Purpose**

This document provides an overview of the feedback officials received to inform the key policy decisions on the NCPS. It also outlines how feedback has been addressed.

## **Context**

The Department of Conservation (DOC) undertook targeted consultation on the National Conservation Policy Statement (NCPS) discussion document from 24 July 2025 until 22 August 2025 with Treaty partners and key stakeholders. Feedback continues to be received through ongoing hui with Iwi.

## **Overview of responses**

We received 57 submissions, 31 were from Iwi or hapū (or Iwi-controlled organisations, such as post-settlement governance entities), 13 are statutory organisations, and the rest are recreational, commercial, and conservation organisations. A full list of submitters is included in Table 1 below.

Overall, most submitters supported the proposals in general but with some recommended changes (31 submitters). The rest either opposed the proposals (6), recommended changes without a clear view of overall support or opposition (17), or made other comments on the proposals that didn't include recommendations (3).

## **Feedback received on proposals**

This section discusses at a high-level the feedback received on the NCPS proposals. Responses to specific feedback is outlined in Table 2.

### **Purpose of the proposals**

Most submitters acknowledge that the current conservation system is not fit-for-purpose and generally support the NCPS's aim to simplify and streamline it. There is broad support for consolidating conservation policy into a single national framework.

Several submitters were concerned that the proposed NCPS places too much emphasis on economic growth and tourism, potentially at the expense of conservation and biodiversity outcomes. Submitters, s9(2)(a), felt that the proposed NCPS could better align with the purpose of the Conservation Act 1987 by ensuring that conservation values are prioritised.

### **Pre-approved and exempt activities**

There is broad support for pre-approved and exempt activities. However, many submitters raise concerns that "low impact" activities may still have cumulative environmental impacts. Broadly this feedback has been addressed through the terms and conditions to these activities, including that the activities are subject to limits imposed through bylaws/regulations.

The NCPS will provide for the disapplication of exempt or pre-approved activities in specific circumstances including where there would be a significant impact on environmental or cultural values.

#### Visitor zones and pre-assessment of activities

Many submitters acknowledge the potential benefits of visitor zones, particularly for improving efficiency and streamlining decision-making.

Concerns were raised that the pre-assessment of activities could reduce local decision-making in favour of efficiency. This feedback has been addressed by ensuring that the pre-assessment is only an indication of the likelihood of approval for an activity and that DOC is still able to decline applications in appropriate circumstances.

#### Content of area plans

We received mixed views on the proposed content for area plans. Some support the proposal for simplified area plans and felt that this would increase efficiency. Other submitters are concerned that area plans may overlook local contexts and disrupt existing work programmes e.g., upcoming work on the Wellington Region Coastal Reserves Plan. Submitters agree with the proposed approach that area plans should be developed through place-based engagement, particularly in partnership with mana whenua.

Some Iwi commented that the reduced scope for area plans e.g., that area plans cannot direct DOC operational activities, reduces their ability to influence management of conservation land, thereby impacting on some Treaty Settlements. DOC are continuing to engage directly with Iwi on these matters.

#### Proposal for area plans to be broken down into 'places'

There was broad support for defining 'places' within area plans with some suggestions for how these 'places' could be mapped. For example, that place boundaries should be guided by ecological features such as catchment areas and habitat types or using ki uta ki tai (mountains-to-sea) management to reflect the interconnectedness of places. Iwi and hapū also advocate for boundaries that reflect cultural landscapes, including rohe and whakapapa connections.

The mapping of 'places' will occur through implementation of the NCPS.

#### Proposal for simplified values and objectives

Many stakeholders agree that values and objectives within area plans should be clearly communicated using concise, plain language and for objectives to be measurable, outcomes-focused, and accessible to a broad audience. The NCPS outlines what value types can be included in area plans. Operational policy will be necessary to ensure conciseness of objectives and ensuring they are outcomes-focussed.

## Other feedback received

### Consultation process

Many submitters felt the opportunity to provide feedback was too short and that the consultation document was too high-level to allow for meaningful feedback. Several submitters requested further consultation.

### Working with Iwi (and Hapū)

Iwi, hapū, and other stakeholders expressed serious concern about the absence of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi in the NCPS and area plans. Many Treaty partners seek greater clarity on how the proposed system will uphold Treaty settlement obligations. There is also widespread concern that the current NCPS lacks mechanisms for Iwi and hapū to participate meaningfully in decision-making processes.

We are continuing to work through these matters through hui with Iwi.

### Some feedback was out of scope or reflected a misunderstanding of the proposals

Some comments were on matters that have already had Cabinet agreement and was out of scope of the NCPS consultation material e.g., the shift in decision-making on the NCPS and area plans from the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) and Conservation boards to the Minister of Conservation.

Some comments also suggested a misunderstanding of the proposals. For example, many Iwi were concerned that the proposals did not reflect their Treaty Settlements when these aspects are still to be worked through in consultation. Other misunderstandings included that the pre-assessment of activities did not leave scope for DOC to decline an application or put conditions on an activity where appropriate.

*Table 1: List of submitters*

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Table 2: Key consultation feedback and how it has been addressed

| Feedback: Pre-approved / exempt activities                                                                                                             | Comments/response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p>s9(2)(a) suggested introducing limits for pre-approved and exempt activities.</p>                                                                   | <p>The terms and conditions limit some activities e.g., guided walking group sizes. All pre-approved activities are subject to bylaws including those that impose limits on activities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>DOC may underestimate or fail to take into account the cumulative impact of exempt and pre-approved activities.</p>                                 | <p>Exempt activities are sufficiently low-impact that we do not anticipate they will have significant cumulative impacts. Pre-approved activities are also considered low impact but will allow DOC to monitor for any potential cumulative impacts through the online application process.</p> <p>The Director-General of Conservation or Minister of Conservation can temporarily remove an activity from the exempt or pre-approved list (either in its entirety or only in relation to a specified area) with immediate effect, and for up to 3 months. During this time applications can still be made and approved, but they would be assessed individually using the standard concessions application process.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>The NCPS should ensure that the cultural impacts of activities are fully considered before activities are designated as pre-approved or exempt.</p> | <p>The purpose of consultation was to further understand cultural impacts of the proposed activities. We heard concerns about cumulative impacts, which we have addressed by making pre-approved activities subject to any relevant limits.</p> <p>We did not receive specific feedback on cultural impacts for most activities, but concerns were raised about guided activities and filming/photography, including that people may get a pre-approval to do guided tours or to film content for a film that includes incorrect and/or inappropriate cultural information. We have addressed this through terms and conditions stating that Iwi must be consulted on use of cultural information.</p> <p>There were also concerns raised about people undertaking activities on wahi tapu. The NCPS will provide for exempt and pre-approved activities to be disallowed in certain areas where there will be a significant impact to cultural values.</p> |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | We are continuing to work with Pou Taiao on expectations Māori have around pre-approval terms and conditions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| s9(2)(a) supported exempt and pre-approved activities but notes that activity limits should be set through area plans.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>Area plans will not set activity limits because this can create inconsistency for activities across the country. Area plans also can not regulate the public so any activity requiring a limit should be regulated in a way where all the impact can be managed.</p> <p>A range of tools can be used to manage overcrowding or cumulative effects including booking systems, access charges (once enabled) and place-specific regulations and bylaws. These tools will apply to pre-approved activities. Note that we do not propose any limits on exempt activities as they are low-impact enough not to warrant it.</p> |
| s9(2)(a) proposed a separate category for 'cultural activities' for pre-approved and exempt activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Defining 'cultural activities' in the NCPS would be very complex and require extensive consultation, we therefore have not made this a category for pre-approval or exemption. However, following this feedback, we have developed terms and conditions on exempt and pre-approved activities to manage the impact on cultural rights and interests including requiring concessionaires to seek guidance from Iwi if using cultural information or interpretation on matters of Iwi cultural significance.                                                                                                                   |
| s9(2)(a) were concerned about research collection as a pre-approved activity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | The terms and conditions of the pre-approved activity mitigate potential impacts including by limiting how much can be taken at a time and what equipment can be used.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Feedback: Visitor zones / pre-assessment of activities</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Comments/response</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Submitters express a range of views on pre-assessment of activities. Many raise concerns that the proposed activities are not appropriate in culturally or ecologically sensitive areas. For example, some Iwi and hapū oppose aircraft landings in wilderness or remote zones. s9(2)(a) also highlight the negative impacts of aircraft on birdlife. At the same time, other groups emphasise the importance of aircraft for tourism and game animal management. | <p>Following feedback, we have re-assessed which activities are listed for pre-assessment. For example, aircraft activities were removed as these should be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>The pre-assessment of activities does not mean that an activity is guaranteed to occur in that area – rather it provides a strong indication. DOC retains discretion to decline an application based on impacts on values, including cultural values.</p>                                                                                                                                                             |

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| s9(2)(a) concerned that visitor zones will open all areas of conservation land to visitors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Visitor zones do not modify access rules laid out in land classifications or other tools.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Strong support for ensuring cultural and ecological values are the primary focus of any spatial zoning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Ecological values are already largely zoned through land classifications. Other feedback we have received from Iwi is that it is not appropriate to map cultural values. Area plans will be required to include a summary of the significance to tangata whenua of the natural and historic resources managed by DOC. If it is deemed appropriate to map other values in the future, such as cultural values, this can be provided for through a change to the NCPS.                                                                  |
| Submitters emphasised that visitor zones must be co-designed with mana whenua to safeguard culturally significant areas such as wāhi tapu.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | It is not expected that visitor zones will impact on culturally significant sites, and these values are considered separately for any concession decision. The mapping of visitor zones will be consulted on through the process of developing / reviewing area plans as outlined in the legislation. Area plans will be required to include a summary of the significance to tangata whenua of the natural and historic resources managed by DOC, and in developing area plans DOC is required to engage with Iwi and the community. |
| Several submitters propose changes to the visitor zone framework. For example, the s9(2)(a) recommends designating highly protected areas as “no-go zones” for visitors. s9(2)(a) suggest limiting visitor zones to high traffic “hotspots,” such as Aoraki / Mount Cook. Others advocate for a flexible approach that allows zones to be reclassified as needed. | It is outside of the scope of these reforms to designate any area as a ‘no-go zone’ for visitors. We consider that the proposal for visitor zones addresses the concerns raised by having a range of visitor zones including where very little visitor impact is expected.<br><br>The visitor zones are mapped through area plans and can be reclassified if needed.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| s9(2)(a) suggested including activities such as farmer-led pest control, targeted grazing and bee-keeping in pre-assessed and exempt/pre-approved activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Grazing and bee-keeping are included as pre-assessed activities, giving potential applicants a steer on where these activities are likely to be approved. Grazing and bee-keeping can have potentially significant impacts on visitors and on the environment, so do not align with the framework you previously agreed for exempt and pre-approved activities [25-B-0292 refers].                                                                                                                                                    |

| Feedback: Impact to mana whenua                                                                                                                                                                                     | Comments/response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| The NCPS should ensure that cultural context is taken into account in designating places (such as tikanga relating to particular locations) alongside ecological features.                                          | The NCPS will ensure that cultural context is included in area plans through the proposed policies in <b>Attachment A</b> . The process for developing area plans requires DOC to consult Iwi during drafting and revision of the plan. In approving an area plan, the Minister must also consider an impact analysis on Treaty rights and interests as well as written comments from relevant Iwi. |
| The NCPS should incorporate obligations under section 4 of the Conservation Act directly into the NCPS.                                                                                                             | The NCPS cannot derogate from primary legislation. Matters relating to section 4 are best addressed in the Conservation Act. You will receive separate advice regarding section 4 of the Conservation Act shortly.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Treaty partners raised concerns that visitor zones could marginalise cultural values and undermine mana whenua relationships to conservation land.                                                                  | Visitor zones provide a simplified way for recreational and tourism values to be mapped; they do not cover cultural values. Area plans must include a summary of the significance to tangata whenua of the natural and historic resources managed by DOC which must be considered for authorisation decisions.                                                                                      |
| s9(2)(a) are concerned that DOC intends to uphold Treaty settlements through area plans but plans will be informed by the NCPS which currently lacks Treaty settlement instruments/provisions.                      | The legislation provides that the NCPS and area plans as outlined in this paper stands except where Treaty settlements provide alternative arrangements. DOC are having on-going hui with Iwi on this matter.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Feedback: General / other                                                                                                                                                                                           | Comments/response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| There was a lot of feedback stating insufficient time and/or detail to provide meaningful feedback on the proposals.                                                                                                | DOC are continuing to engage with Iwi and the select committee process will provide another opportunity for engagement on the NCPS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| The proposals placed too great an emphasis on economic growth and tourism, which may have adverse outcomes for conservation and biodiversity.                                                                       | The proposals aim to support economic development within appropriate constraints. Appropriate constraints proposed in this paper include protecting conservation and biodiversity outcomes.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Changing the decision maker from the NZCA and conservation boards to the Minister of Conservation would lead to a “top down” approach and limit input from Treaty partners, other key stakeholders, and the public. | These changes have been agreed by Cabinet and mean the Government can create one coherent regulatory framework and be accountable for both the rules and the decisions under them. The NZCA and conservation boards will still have a key advisory role in the development of the NCPS and area plans.                                                                                              |
| Area plans may overlook local contexts and disrupt existing work programmes.                                                                                                                                        | Area plans still set values, objectives and policies that are relevant to the local context. Amendments to area plans require consultation with Iwi and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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|  | <p>conservation boards during drafting and revision. Comments are also invited from the public during a notification period.</p> <p>The areas plans will not explicitly direct operational activities – existing work programmes will continue based on their merits.</p> |
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**Attachment H: Process for a concession activity under the NCPS and area plans**

