

## Partial Reviews of the Conservation General Policy and General Policy for National Parks Options Development Groups: Role Description for Members from Te Ao Māori

### About the Options Development Groups

#### *Purpose*

The purpose of the Options Development Groups will be to develop recommendations (or options) in line with the Terms of Reference for the partial reviews. The groups will work collaboratively to develop policy proposals, which they will provide in a report to the Director-General of Conservation following testing of the proposals with Treaty partners and stakeholders.

#### *Make-up*

To make the work manageable, we are anticipating there being 3 Options Development Groups. However, at the beginning the collective group of participants will decide on how to arrange the groups and what the kaupapa for each will be.

Each group will include 2-4 members who have been nominated by whānau, hapū and iwi and Māori organisations, and appointed by the Director-General (i.e. 6-12 te ao Māori members in total). Their membership would be on the basis that they represent particular perspectives or possess skills required to co-design policy options / recommendations for the general policies, as opposed to representing a particular group or iwi.

Each group will also include a nominee from Conservation Boards and up to 3 Te Papa Atawhai officials.

The Options Development Groups will need the following expertise amongst their collective membership:

- knowledge of the issues faced nationally or at place:
  - te ao Māori expertise – tikanga and mātauranga taiao
  - understanding of conservation issues, policy and practice
- proficiency in leading teams/chairing working groups
- familiarity with legislative and statutory mechanisms/applications (machinery of government)
- experience in applying the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi.

#### *Time commitment*

The options development phase of the partial reviews is expected to take approximately 6 months, and to take place from October 2020 – March 2021. The Options Development Groups will work together over this period, meeting on a regular basis separately every 4-6 weeks and up to 4 times as a collective throughout the process.

After the groups have developed draft recommendations or options, group members will be invited to participate in the next stages of work, including consultation hui and stakeholder workshops, and technical drafting.

Figure 1 in the enclosed Background document includes more detail on the stages and proposed timing for this work.

### *Remuneration*

Group members will be compensated at a rate of \$395 per day (hourly pro-rata rate of \$49.38).

Group members' travel and accommodation expenses will be covered.

### **About the role of Options Development Group members**

#### *All group members*

It is essential that all Options Development Group members are committed to working collaboratively to develop innovative solutions within existing frameworks and to identify opportunities to achieve long-term transformational change.

The Options Development Groups will make recommendations to the Director-General of Conservation for how the general policies should be changed to better reflect Treaty responsibilities. They may also identify limitations in legislation and other policies and suggest possible solutions.

All group members will need to be familiar with te taiao, conservation policy and practice, and possess experience in policy development.

#### *Range of attributes being sought from te ao Māori group members*

Members appointed will bring a te ao Māori perspective to the work. They will not represent any particular group, hapū or iwi. They will have knowledge of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, and possess the policy development skills required to develop recommendations and/or options to improve the general policies.

We are looking for members to provide for wide geographic representation overall in the appointments and who have knowledge in one or all of the following:

- expertise in tikanga and mātauranga taiao:
  - taonga ecosystems and species
  - access to public conservation lands and waters for cultural practices incl. Toi Māori – Tikanga ā-rongoā Māori (medicinal practices), ngā mahi a te whare pora (art of weaving: includes the processes and products of weaving), Toi whakairo (art of carving)
  - Māori research, science and technology
  - application of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi
- experience in tourism and/or other commercial activities involving public conservation lands and waters, and
- grounded connection to whānau, hapū and iwi and comfortable engaging on multiple levels.