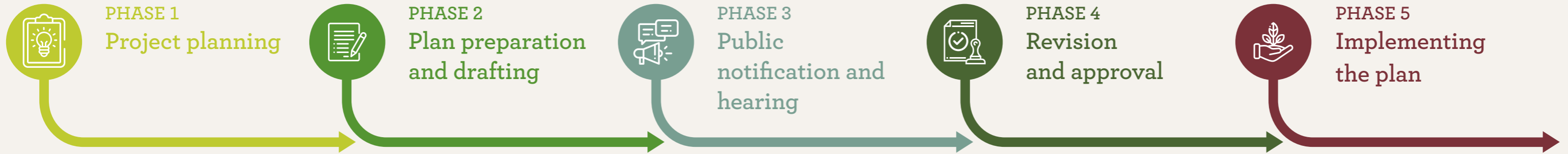


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## PHASE 2 Plan preparation and drafting

## PHASE 3 Public notification and hearing

## PHASE 4 Revision and approval

## PHASE 5 Implementing the plan

### What happens during this phase?

- Begin project planning.
- DOC, relevant Treaty partner and Conservation Board establish an agreed joint engagement approach to the plan review.
- Minister is made aware that the process has started, and her views are sought.
- Finalise project and communications plans and agree on NZCA involvement.
- Minister is informed of the notice of intention date prior to notification.
- Publicly notify the intention to review the plan and invite comments.
- Hold pre-draft consultation events.
- Receive and analyse comments.
- Minister is informed of comments received and issues and themes raised.

### Refer to the National Park Act 1980

- Section 47(1)

### Who is involved?

DOC Director-General delegate and project staff | Conservation Board | Treaty partner | New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA)

### What happens during this phase?

- DOC project staff, Conservation Board and Treaty partner prepare the draft plan.
- Hold internal and external project hui and workshops to understand issues, opportunities and changes sought.
- Make site visits.
- Assess the policy approach to ensure consistency with the General Policy for National Parks and the relevant CMS.
- Consult with key stakeholders.
- Confirm key policy approaches and milestones.
- Relevant DOC staff carry out peer review and internal checks.
- Minister is informed of policy direction and themes in the draft prior to notification.

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- Section 47(2)

### Who is involved?

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- Make a media release, load information onto the DOC website and brief the Minister.
- Establish the hearing panel and arrange hearing venues.
- Collate submissions on the draft plan.
- Hold the submission hearings.
- Enter submissions into the database and prepare the summary of submissions.
- Minister is informed of submissions received and issues raised in submissions.

### Refer to the National Park Act 1980

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### Who is involved?

DOC Director-General delegate and project staff | Conservation Board | Treaty partner | Key stakeholders | General public

### What happens during this phase?

- DOC Director-General considers submissions and public opinion, amends the draft plan and sends it to the Conservation Board; advises submitters of responses to submissions.
- Minister is informed of key changes to draft prior to being sent to the Conservation Board.
- Conservation Board considers the revised draft plan and relevant information, makes further revisions, and sends it to the NZCA for approval.
- Minister is informed of key changes to the draft prior to being sent to the NZCA.
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### Who is involved?

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### What happens during this phase?

- Notify Treaty partner, submitters and key stakeholders of the decision and the operative date of the plan.
- Publish and notify the approved plan.
- Minister is informed that the plan has been approved.
- Evaluate the NPMP process.
- Begin implementing the NPMP – brief relevant DOC staff and the Conservation Board.

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- Section 48(4)

### Who is involved?

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