



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Approval of the Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy

Portfolio **Conservation**

On 29 July 2020, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that a national biodiversity strategy is a requirement for Aotearoa New Zealand to meet its obligations under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity;
- 2 **noted** that on 27 June 2019, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee agreed to the release of a discussion document on a proposed *Te Koiora o te Koiora*, New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy [ENV-19-MIN-0038];
- 3 **noted** that significant engagement has been carried out by Department of Conservation officials with Treaty partners, stakeholders and the wider community to inform the development of the *Te Mana o te Taiao*;
- 4 **noted** that *Te Mana o te Taiao* and its implementation provides an opportunity to elevate Treaty partnerships, increase recognition of mātauranga Māori, and ensure WAI 262 considerations are addressed;
- 5 **agreed** to the release of *Te Mana o te Taiao*, Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy, attached to the paper under DEV-20-SUB-0148, subject to any minor editorial and design changes that may be authorised by the Minister of Conservation;
- 6 **noted** that collaborative implementation planning and action with Treaty partners, central and local government, and stakeholders to scope and initiate implementation of the goals of *Te Mana o te Taiao* will begin once the strategy is approved;
- 7 **noted** that the costs of collaborative implementation planning and the immediate actions will be funded from within agency baselines;
- 8 **invited** the Minister of Conservation to report back to Cabinet in the first quarter of 2021 with an implementation plan.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon James Shaw
Hon Eugenie Sage

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV

Released by the Minister of Conservation