



Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

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Release of the Predator Free 2050 Strategy and Action Plan

Portfolio **Conservation**

On 5 December 2019, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

- 1 **agreed** to the Predator Free 2050 Strategy and Action Plan, consisting of: Te anga whakamua kia Aotearoa kaikonihikore: Towards a Predator Free New Zealand; and Predator Free 2050 5-year action plan 2020-2025 both of which are attached to the submission under ENV-19-SUB-0070;
- 2 **agreed** to the revised set of interim 2025 goals for Predator Free 2050, being that by 2025:
 - 2.1 the government will increase by 1 million hectares (from 2016 figures) the area of New Zealand mainland where predators are suppressed, through Predator Free 2050 projects;
 - 2.2 the government will have demonstrated that predator eradication can be achieved in areas of mainland New Zealand of at least 20,000 hectares and that these areas can be defended from reinvasion without the use of fences;
 - 2.3 the government will have eradicated all mammalian predators from New Zealand's uninhabited offshore islands;
 - 2.4 the government will have developed a breakthrough science solution that would be capable of eradicating at least one small mammal predator from the New Zealand mainland;
 - 2.5 by 2025, whānau, hapū and iwi will have identified sites of importance for predator eradication and at least five eradication projects led by whānau, hapū and iwi will be underway across the country;
 - 2.6 the government will have eradicated possums or mustelids from at least one New Zealand city;
 - 2.7 effective tools and knowledge will be available to achieve predator eradication on farmland;
- 3 **agreed** that the predator species covered by the Predator Free 2050 goal be:
 - 3.1 possum (*Trichosurus vulpecula*);

- 3.2 ship rat (*Rattus rattus*);
 - 3.3 Norway rat (*Rattus norvegicus*);
 - 3.4 Kiore, or Pacific rat (*Rattus exulans*);
 - 3.5 stoat (*Mustela erminia*);
 - 3.6 ferret (*Mustela furo*);
 - 3.7 weasel (*Mustela nivalis vulgaris*);
- 4 **authorised** the Minister of Conservation to make any editorial changes to the Predator Free 2050 Strategy and Action Plan consistent with the above paragraphs;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Conservation to launch the Predator Free 2050 Strategy and Action Plan.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Parker (Chair)
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Eugenie Sage

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