

Partial Reviews of the General Policy for National Parks and Conservation General Policy Options Development Groups: Role Description

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

We propose to form 3 Options Development Groups, but the final number and kaupapa for each will be determined by the collective at the beginning of the work.

Each group will include a Conservation Board representative appointed by the Director-General.

Each group will also include 2-4 members who have been nominated by whānau, hapū and iwi and appointed by the Director-General (i.e. 6-12 te ao Māori members in total) and up to 3 DOC 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 2 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.

All group members will need to be experienced at working on policy issues and be familiar with conservation policy and practice.

Range of attributes being sought from Conservation Board representatives

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

- knowledge and understanding of conservation issues and practice, including statutory management planning
- understanding / knowledge of Te Ao Māori – tikanga and mātauranga taiao
- application of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi
- experience with policy development
- proficiency in leading teams/working groups
- familiarity with legislative and statutory mechanisms/applications (Machinery of Government)
- grounded connection to whānau, hapū and iwi and comfortable engaging on multiple levels
- experience in tourism and/or other commercial activities involving public conservation lands and waters.