



Talking points for Minister's Meeting with Federated Farmers

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	Description	Deadline
Minister for the Environment Hon Dr Nick Smith	Notes for your meeting with Federated Farmers on Thursday 25 th February 2010, 3.15pm to 4.00pm.	23 February 2010

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Purpose

1. You are meeting with Don Nicholson, the President of Federated Farmers on Thursday 23 February 2010, 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm.
2. The likely topics of discussion are:
Out of scope
 - Environment Canterbury review

Key Points

Items 3 -21 out of scope

Environment Canterbury (ECan) Review

22. Federated Farmers consider the Ministerial Report into ECan is a reflection of the poor long term leadership of the Council but consider the recently elected ECan chair, Alec Neil, should be given the opportunity to bring about necessary changes.
23. If a new council that is appointed after November does not instigate the desired outcomes, through a total council reorganisation, then the Federation would support the appointment of a Commission to implement the Report's recommendations.
24. You may wish to discuss how seriously the government is taking the ECan review findings.

Items 25 – 30 out of scope

Mark Sowden, Director

Natural and Built Environment Policy

Date