

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Measuring Up: Environmental Reporting – A Discussion Document

1. Do you agree with the issues identified above? Have the main issues been defined accurately?
2. Are there any other issues that have not been considered?
3. What is the scale of the problem? Which is the bigger issue: the lack of statutory obligation requiring regular independent state of the environment reporting or inconsistent state of the environment monitoring?
4. Do you agree with these objectives? Please give reasons.
5. Do you agree with the assessment criteria? Please give reasons.
6. Do you agree with the preferred options? Please give reasons.
7. Is there an alternative option that has not been considered?
8. To what extent do the options address the identified problems?
9. Are you aware of any other costs and benefits of the options?
10. Do you have any comment about which option would deliver the highest level of net benefit?
11. What are the pros and cons of the proposed Environment Act amendment?
12. Is five-yearly reporting an appropriate reporting timeframe? If not, what time period would you recommend?
13. What do you think about the proposed environmental domains that the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment should report on in the state of the environment report? What topic areas or requirements (if any) would you suggest?
14. Outline any problems you perceive with the proposed RMA amendment?
15. Which environmental domains (eg, fresh water, land, oceans) do you think should be prioritised for improvements in consistency?
16. Have we accurately reflected the high level costs and benefits arising from the proposals for an Environmental Reporting Bill? Please give reasons.
17. Can you identify any other high level costs and benefits?
18. Do you have any information you would like to see included in the final cost-benefit analysis that will be carried out after the submissions are received and analysed?

Written submissions on the proposed Environmental Reporting Bill are due by
5pm on 18 October 2011.

Send your submission to:

Submission on proposed Environmental Reporting Bill
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