



To: Hon Dr Nick Smith, Minister for the Environment, Hon Nathan Guy, Minister for Primary Industries and Hon Maggie Barry, Minister for Conservation

Marine Protected Areas Reforms: Upcoming meeting with the Conservation Iwi Leaders Group 11 November 2015

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Purpose

- The purpose of this briefing is to:
 - provide advice and talking points for your upcoming meeting with the Conservation Iwi Leaders Group (ILG) on 11 November 2015, on the marine protected areas consultation document (the draft consultation document);
 - advise you of the concerns raised by the Iwi Advisors Group (IAG) following their initial consideration of the draft consultation document; and
 - seek decisions on whether changes suggested by the IAG should be made to the consultation document prior to public release, be developed with the ILG as part of a work programme, or not progressed at all.

Agenda: (attached in Appendix 1)

- Ministers are scheduled to meet with the ILG on 11 November 2015 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in Beehive meeting room 8.5.
- Officials recommend that you meet prior to this meeting to discuss direction on the issues raised by the IAG.
- The agenda for the meeting is to discuss:
 - feedback from the IAG on the draft consultation document
 - working arrangements with the ILG on the MPA reforms, involvement in consultation and its timing.

Attendees

- Hon Dr Nick Smith
- Hon Nathan Guy
- Hon Maggie Barry
- Officials from MfE, MPI, DoC, MBIE and TPK will also be in attendance
- Sir Mark Solomon (Ngāi Tahu)
- Anthony Tipene (Rangitane ki Tamaki nui a Rua)
- Toro Waka (Ngāti Pahauwera)

Situation Analysis

5. On 21 September 2015 Cabinet agreed to share the draft consultation document (the draft consultation document) with the ILG. Officials have now received feedback on the draft consultation document from the IAG.
6. Officials consider that some issues raised by the IAG can be partially addressed through amendments to the draft consultation document without fundamentally altering the Government's proposal, prior to public release.

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Next steps

13. Following the outcome of your meeting with the ILG, officials, as required, will revise the draft consultation document and prepare advice to Cabinet seeking approval for public release.
14. If you agree, officials will engage with the IAG on the development of an MPA-ILG work programme and an approach to consult with iwi/Māori on the MPA reforms.

Ministers Talking Points

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Recommendations

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- b) **Agree** that officials will engage with Iwi Advisors Group on the development of an approach to consult with iwi/Māori on the marine protected areas reforms.
Yes / No
- c) **Agree** to meet prior to the 11th of November meeting with the Iwi Leaders Group to confirm direction on issues raised in this briefing note.
Yes / No
- d) **Note** that following engagement with Iwi Leaders Group, officials aim to finalise the draft consultation document in order to seek Cabinet approval in early December 2015. This is with the intention of releasing it in 2015 or early 2016.

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Hon Dr Nick Smith
Minister for the Environment

Date

Hon Nathan Guy
Minister for Primary Industries

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Hon Minister Barry
Minister of Conservation

Date

Agenda

Marine Protected Areas hui between the Iwi Leaders Group (Conservation) and Ministers

5.00-6.00pm, 11 Wednesday 2015

The Beehive meeting room - 8.5 Wellington

Chair: Hon Nick Smith

Item No.	Topic	Lead	Duration
1	Welcome and introductions	The Government and Iwi Leaders	5min
2	Discussion on feedback from ILG on the draft MPA consultation document	The Government and Iwi Leaders	30min
3	Next steps on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the timing of the consultation period• how ILG would be involved with consultation• working with ILG on the policy details of the MPA work	The Government	20min
4	Closing and actions recorded	The Government	5min

Appendix 2 – Detail of the issues raised by IAG and officials advice

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