



WILD PLACES CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (with speaker times)

Conference Day One: Wednesday 10 August 2016

8.30am	<p>OPENING Pōwhiri, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Welcome: Representative from the Environmental Defence Society</p>
9.00am	<p>SESSION 1: WILD PLACES OVERVIEW</p> <p>Chair: Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment (5 mins)</p> <p>Virtual tour of New Zealand's Wild Places, <i>Rob Suisted, Photographer</i> (15 mins)</p> <p>International keynote: Securing the future of Wild Places – global innovations, <i>Peter Cochrane, Natural Heritage Director and Consultant, Sydney</i> (45 mins with questions)</p> <p>Protection of New Zealand's Wild Places: A retrospective, <i>Dr Gerry McSweeney, Founder, New Zealand's Wilderness Lodges</i> (25 mins with questions)</p>
10.30am	MORNING TEA
11.00am	<p>SESSION 2: VALUE OF WILD PLACES</p> <p>Chair: Lou Sanson, Director-General, Department of Conservation (up to 10 mins)</p> <p>The value of wild places to business, <i>Christopher Luxon, Chief Executive Officer, Air New Zealand</i> (15 mins) (pre-record video)</p> <p>Who is visiting New Zealand and why, <i>Kevin Bowler, Chief Executive, Tourism New Zealand</i> (15 mins)</p> <p>The value of wild places to Ngāi Tahu, <i>Quinton Hall, Chief Executive, Ngāi Tahu Tourism Limited</i> (15 mins)</p> <p>The value of nature to the national economy, <i>Dr Girol Karacaoglu, Chief Economist, The Treasury</i> (15 mins)</p> <p><i>Speaker panel discussion (30 mins)</i></p>
12.40pm	<p>SESSION 3: POLITICAL ADDRESS</p> <p>Chair: <i>Gary Taylor, Chairman, Environmental Defence Society</i></p> <p>Keynote: <i>Hon Dr Nick Smith, Minister for the Environment</i> (tbc) (around 10 mins + 10 mins questions)</p>
1.00pm	LUNCH

2.00pm	<p>SESSION 4: WILD PLACES AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Chair: <i>Jane Frances, Deputy Secretary Natural Resource Policy, Ministry for the Environment (5 mins)</i></p> <p>International keynote: <i>Alternative models for funding nature conservation, Michael Looker, Director-Regional Strategies, Infrastructure, Asia Pacific, The Nature Conservancy (25 mins)</i></p> <p>From coal to nature: The future of the West Coast, <i>Tony Kokshoorn, Mayor, Grey District Council (15 mins)</i></p> <p>New Zealand's Silicon Valley?: Innovation and our public conservation lands, <i>Mick Abbott, Associate Professor, School of Landscape Architecture, Lincoln University (15 mins)</i></p> <p>Everyone's wilderness - sustaining our public conservation lands under pressure, <i>Peter Wilson, President, Federated Mountain Clubs (15 mins)</i></p> <p><i>Speaker Panel Discussion (45 mins)</i></p>
4.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
4.30pm	<p>SESSION 5: LEADERS DIALOGUE</p> <p>Chair: <i>Gary Taylor, Chairman, Environmental Defence Society (10 mins)</i></p> <p>Creating a new blueprint for hill country farming, <i>Dan Steele, Farmer and Tourist Operator, Blue Duck Station (30 mins with questions)</i></p> <p><u>Leaders Panel (50 mins)</u> Scott Simpson, National MP for Coromandel; Chairperson, Local Government and Environment Select Committee Hon David Parker, Environment Spokesperson, Labour Party Eugenie Sage, Spokesperson for Environment, Primary Industries, Christchurch and Land Information, Green Party Tracey Martin, Member of Parliament, New Zealand First George Ngatai, Māori Party (invited)</p>
6.00pm	DRINKS AND POSTER SESSION
7.15pm	<p>CONFERENCE DINNER</p> <p>MC: <i>Evan Williams, CEO, Williams Land Limited</i></p> <p>Award to winner of EDS University Environmental Essay Competition</p> <p>After dinner speaker: <i>New Zealand's Wild Places under the sea, Steve Hathaway, Underwater Cameraman (30 mins with questions)</i></p>

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7.00am	<p>SESSION 6: BREAKFAST SESSION</p> <p>Chair: <i>Vaughan Payne, Chief Executive, Waikato Regional Council</i></p> <p>Eco-tourism in the Galapagos Islands: innovations and lessons for New Zealand, <i>Julian Fitter, Environmental Consultant; Chair, Friends of Galapagos New Zealand (confirmed) (up to 30 mins presentation)</i></p>
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8.30am	<p>SESSION 7: PROTECTED LANDSCAPES (CATEGORY V)</p> <p>Chair: Rob Enright, Barrister</p> <p>High Country: The conservation challenge, <i>Dr Susan Walker, Research Programme Leader, Landcare Research</i> (15 mins)</p> <p>New approaches to managing development pressures: the Mackenzie Country Trust, <i>Claire Barlow, Mayor, Mackenzie District Council</i> (15 mins)</p> <p>Innovation in private land conservation, <i>Mike Jebson, Chief Executive, Queen Elizabeth II National Trust</i> (15 mins)</p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i> (50 mins)</p> <p>Dr Marie Brown, Senior Policy Analyst, Environmental Defence Society Lesley Immink, Chief Executive, Tourism Export Council Dr Gerry McSweeney, Founder, New Zealand's Wilderness Lodges Mike Neilson, Owner and Operator Lake Ohau Lodge and Snow Fields Chris Roberts, Chief Executive, Tourism Industry Association</p>
10.15am	MORNING TEA
10.45am	<p>SESSION 8: WILD WATER</p> <p>Chair: <i>Dame Anne Salmond, Distinguished Professor, University of Auckland</i> (5 mins)</p> <p><i>Wild Place vignette</i>: Hauraki Gulf, <i>Raewyn Peart, Policy Director, Environmental Defence Society</i> (10 mins)</p> <p>The potential of marine spatial management tools; <i>Sue Taei, Executive Director, New Zealand and Pacific Islands, Conservation International</i> (15 mins)</p> <p>The potential of customary management tools, <i>Nathan Kennedy, Environment Officer, Ngāti Whanaunga</i> (15 mins)</p> <p>The potential of Water Conservation Orders: Our 'wet' National Parks, <i>Greg Carlyon, Catalyst Group</i> (15 mins)</p> <p>Speaker panel discussion (25 mins)</p>
12.10pm	<p>SESSION 9: LABOUR UPDATE</p> <p>Chair: <i>Raewyn Peart, Policy Director, Environmental Defence Society</i></p> <p><i>Andrew Little, Leader of the Labour Party</i> (10 mins presentation plus questions)</p>
12.30pm	LUNCH
1.15pm	<p>SESSION 10: GREEN PARTY UPDATE</p> <p>James Shaw, Co-Leader, Green Party (10 mins presentation plus questions)</p>
1.35pm	<p>SESSION 11: FORESIGHT WORKSHOP</p> <p><i>Utopia for New Zealand's Wild Places and how we get there</i></p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Kaaren Goodall, Director, Blue Rocket Consulting</i></p> <p>Table-based workshopping (including a youth table) and report back</p>

2.45pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.15pm	<p>SESSION 12: WILD INITIATIVES</p> <p>Chair: <i>Madeleine Wright, Solicitor, Environment Defence Society</i></p> <p>Te Haerenga: A journey through sacred islands, <i>James Brown, Chair, Ngāi Tai Ki Tāmaki (15 mins + 5 mins questions)</i></p> <p>The future of pest control, <i>Dr Andrea Byrom, Director, New Zealand's Biological Heritage National Science Challenge (15 mins + 5 mins questions)</i></p> <p>Wild Mob: An innovative model for conservation management, <i>Dr Derek Ball, Chief Executive Officer, Wild Mob Australia (15 mins + 5 mins questions)</i></p>
4.15pm	<p>PULLING THE THREADS TOGETHER</p> <p>Dr Suzie Greenhalgh, Landcare Research (10 mins)</p>
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