



Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

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Enabling Commercial Game Preserves to Continue Operating and Providing for Three Additional Preserves

Portfolio Conservation

On 10 March 2022, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

- 1 **noted** that commercial upland game preserves have been operating for up to 20 years but will be required to cease operating after 6 May 2022 if no regulatory action is taken;
- 2 **noted** that there will be adverse financial and employment impacts on commercial upland game preserve operators, their employees, and their suppliers if they are required to close;
- 3 **noted** that the New Zealand Fish and Game Council supports the continuation of commercial game preserves as they provide increased hunting opportunities both within such preserves and beyond preserve boundaries;
- 4 **agreed** that an Order in Council under section 8 of the Wildlife Act 1953 be made to enable the existing commercial game preserves to continue operating, and to add three new areas (attached as Appendix 2 to the paper under ENV-22-SUB-0009) to the list of game preserves listed in Schedule 3 of the Act;
- 5 **invited** the Minister of Conservation to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office for an Order in Council to give effect to the intention in paragraph 4 above, with the new Order taking effect as soon as possible after 6 May 2022.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker (Chair)
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Phil Twyford

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for ENV