

The Māori Trustee's Response to Review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme and a redesigned New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Permanent Forest Category

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Tēnā koe

Response to the Review of the NZ ETS and A redesigned NZ ETS Permanent Forest Category

1. The Māori Trustee administers, as trustee or agent, approximately 88,000 hectares of Māori freehold land on behalf of approximately 100,000 individual Māori landowners. Te Tumu Paeroa is the organisation that supports the Māori Trustee to carry out her functions, roles and responsibilities. Detailed information regarding the Māori Trustee and Te Tumu Paeroa is set out in Appendix A to this letter. Additional information can be found on Te Tumu Paeroa's website, www.tetumupaeroa.co.nz.
2. The Māori Trustee understands, after having hui with both the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) staff as well as reading the consultation document, that no decisions regarding changes to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) will be made prior to the election. Further public consultation is also expected to occur post-election.
3. The Māori Trustee has therefore chosen to refrain from making a full submission at this time and will focus on providing a preferred option that is suitable for whenua Māori and Māori landowners post-election.
4. Te Tumu Paeroa is participating in the ETS Review and Permanent Technical Wānanga with MfE and MPI on the 16th of August in Wellington. We expect this engagement will further inform our views and responses to the next round of consultation.
5. The Māori Trustee would continue to welcome opportunities to discuss her position with staff from MfE and MPI on these important matters.
6. My Executive Assistant, [REDACTED] can be contacted [REDACTED]

Ngā manaakitanga,

Dr Charlotte Severne
Māori Trustee



Appendix A – The Māori Trustee and Te Tumu Paeroa

Who We Are

The Māori Trustee is appointed by the Minister for Māori Development under the Māori Trustee Act 1953. One of the principal roles of the Māori Trustee is to administer as trustee or agent whenua Māori and other client assets in accordance with the principles and obligations of trusteeship and agency, and relevant legislation including the Māori Trustee Act 1953, Trusts Act 2019 and Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993. The current Māori Trustee, Dr Charlotte Severne, was appointed for a three-year term in September 2018 and was re-appointed for a five-year term in October 2021.

Te Tumu Paeroa is the organisation that supports the Māori Trustee to undertake her statutory and other legal functions, duties and responsibilities.

The Māori Trustee administers approximately 88,000 hectares of Māori freehold land, as well as general land and other interests and investments, on behalf of over 100,000 Māori landowners.

A primary objective of The Māori Trustee, is to protect, utilise and grow the assets of our Māori landowners. The organisation provides land administration and professional trustee services to one third of all Māori land trusts (over 1700 trusts), as well as targeted development and sector-specific expertise. The organisation is involved in the management of a number of Māori enterprises and development projects.

The Māori Trustee currently employs approximately 166 staff across five offices throughout New Zealand, with the Māori Trustee based in Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

Te Tumu Paeroa is unique, in that it is the only nation-wide organisation that manages significant tranches of Māori land and assets on behalf of Māori landowners.

Our Vision and Priorities

Our vision is: Ko Te Tumu Paeroa tēnei, te tauawhi nei, te taunaki nei, te tiaki nei ngā whenua Māori mō naianei, mō āpōpō hoki. Ensuring Māori land is protected and enhanced, now and for generations to come.

Our vision requires a careful balance between protection of the whenua and taiao and enhancement of the whenua through a range of pathways, including commercial development.

Our purpose is to be a dedicated professional trustee service for Māori.

Our strategic priorities assist us to deliver on our vision and purpose:

- a. Enhancing operational excellence.
- b. Growing an inclusive culturally competent organisation committed to a greater understanding of Te Ao Māori.
- c. Contributing to growth, development and future leadership in whenua Māori administration and governance.

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- d. Increasing the resilience and sustainability of the assets and whenua we administer.

Our Portfolio

Our portfolio currently¹ consists of the following:

- a. Number of trusts and other entities under administration – 1746.
- b. Number of hectares under management – 88,000.
- c. Number of owner accounts maintained - 102,502.
- d. Number of ownership interests - 258,469.
- e. Number of leases administered – 1,732.
- f. Client funds under management (market value) - \$ 130.1 million.
- g. Māori Trustee equity - \$ 170.7 million.

Our Mahi

The Māori Trustee has the responsibility to ensure that the best interests and outcomes for Māori land owners are advanced by Te Tumu Paeroa's mahi.

Our core services are:

- h. Administration of trusts where the Māori Trustee is the responsible trustee.
- i. Agreed trustee services where the Māori trustee is an agent or custodian trustee.
- j. Keeping records for trusts we administer.
- k. Managing finances and preparing financial statements.
- l. Consulting with and convening meetings for advisory trustees.
- m. Consulting with and convening meetings for beneficial owners.
- n. Reporting to responsible trustees, advisory trustees and beneficial owners.
- o. Administering trust distributions.
- p. Filing applications with the Māori Land Court and attending associated hearings.
- q. Property management, including leases and asset maintenance.
- r. Reviewing land use and considering, where appropriate, alternative land use options.
- s. Developing and enhancing land and assets; including the production and maintenance of Asset Management Plans and Farm Environment Plans.
- t. Responding to requests for information.

¹ The Māori Trustee Annual Report 2022



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- u. Managing and investing cash assets in the Common Fund.
 - v. Managing and providing support services for the General Purposes Fund.
 - w. Acquiring and paying for goods and services.