

## **New Zealand Conservation Authority nominations are open**

The Minister for Conservation is seeking nominations for the New Zealand Conservation Authority in 2025.

We are seeking nominations from those with knowledge and experience relating to conservation, natural sciences, and recreation. Understanding of board functions and previous governance experience are an advantage.

### **How to apply**

Any person can apply to be a member. Nominations close on 14 March 2025.

- Apply using the online form (*preferred*) <https://forms.office.com/r/GwFaqBK36z>
- Download the nomination form and return via email (*paper forms can be returned by post however email is preferred*).

If you have any questions, please email [nominations@doc.govt.nz](mailto:nominations@doc.govt.nz)

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## **New Zealand Conservation Authority / Te Pou Atawhai Taiao o Aotearoa Vacancies 2025**

The Minister of Conservation is seeking nominations for membership of the New Zealand Conservation Authority / Te Pou Atawhai Taiao o Aotearoa.

The Authority is a statutory public entity that provides strategic advice to the Minister and Director-General of Conservation on conservation matters of national importance, and approves statutory conservation management strategies and plans.

The Minister will be seeking to appoint two (2) public members to the Authority. In making appointments, the Minister will have regard for the interests of conservation, natural sciences, and recreation. Understanding of board functions and previous governance experience are an advantage.

Appointments will take effect from 1 July 2025 and be for a term of up to three years.

Nominations may be made by any person or organisation. Additional information and nomination forms are available at [www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/nz-conservation-authority/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/nz-conservation-authority/), or by contacting [nominations@doc.govt.nz](mailto:nominations@doc.govt.nz).

The closing date for nominations is Friday 14 March 2025 at 5pm.

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# Hon Tama Potaka

Minister of Conservation  
Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti  
Minister for Māori Development  
Minister for Whānau Ora  
Associate Minister of Housing (Social Housing)



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Dean van Mierlo

Email: s9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Mr Mierlo

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as a member of the New Zealand Conservation Authority | Te Pou Atawhai Taiao O Aotearoa (Authority) under section 6D of the Conservation Act 1987, for a term beginning immediately and expiring on 30 June 2028.

I look to the Authority to provide me with the best possible professional support and advice in a timely and appropriate manner. It is imperative that Authority members are well advised and understand their collective and individual duties and responsibilities. The integrity of the Authority is paramount, and open, transparent, and defensible processes are fundamental to this integrity.

The Authority meets every two months, usually in Wellington. Two meetings per year are hosted by Conservation Boards around the Motu. The next meeting is scheduled for 8 and 9 October in Kaitaia, Northland.

Members receive a daily meeting fee of \$450 and the direct expenses associated with meeting attendance are met directly by the Department of Conservation or reimbursed.

Dr Rick McGovern-Wilson, NZCA Executive Officer from the Department, will be in contact with you shortly to provide you with information on your duties as an Authority member and arrangements for the October meeting.

Thank you for allowing yourself to be considered for this appointment; I hope that you find your time on the Authority interesting and rewarding.

Mauriora

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tama Potaka'.

Hon Tama Potaka  
**Minister of Conservation**