



# Ministerial Inquiry into Land Use

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The Ministerial Inquiry into Land Use causing woody debris and sediment-related damage in Tairāwhiti and Wairoa has been delivered. Work is now underway to progress recommendations.

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## Progress on land use report

Work is underway to progress recommendations made by the Inquiry panel.

The Cabinet paper below details the process for this work and expected timings for reporting back to responsible Ministers.

[Next steps following the Ministerial Inquiry into Land Use in Tairāwhiti-Gisborne and Wairoa \(/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/next-steps-following-the-ministerial-inquiry-into-land-use-in-tairawhiti-gisborne-and-wairoa/\)](#)

## Inquiry panel's report and recommendations

The report was first published on 12 May 2023. An updated version was published on 17 May 2023

5th recommendation numbering errors and internal references to the recommendations

- [Report and recommendations \(/assets/Outrage-to-Optimism-CORRECTED-17.05.pdf\)](/assets/Outrage-to-Optimism-CORRECTED-17.05.pdf)  
UPDATED 17.05.23
- [Report and recommendations \(https://environment.govt.nz/assets/Outrage-to-optimism-superseded.pdf\)](https://environment.govt.nz/assets/Outrage-to-optimism-superseded.pdf) SUPERSEDED
- [See the joint Ministers' press release about the release of the report](#) [Beehive website]
- [See the Panel's press release about the report \(/assets/MILU-press-release.pdf\)](/assets/MILU-press-release.pdf) [PDF 281kb]
- [Press conference recording](#)

The Inquiry panel was appointed in late February. In March, eight large community hui and approximately 50 smaller hui with local organisations were held. 313 public submissions were received by the April 6 closing date.

The Inquiry panel submitted its report and recommendations to Environment Minister Hon David Parker and Forestry Minister Hon Peeni Henare on Friday May 12.

## Appendices

- [Message from the Chair \(/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/land/ministerial-inquiry-into-land-use/message-from-the-chair/\)](/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/land/ministerial-inquiry-into-land-use/message-from-the-chair/).
- [Appendix 1 Expansion and evidence \(/assets/Appendix-1-Expansion-and-Evidence.pdf\)](/assets/Appendix-1-Expansion-and-Evidence.pdf)
- [Appendix 2 Background \(/assets/Appendix-2-Background.pdf\)](/assets/Appendix-2-Background.pdf)
- [Appendix 3 Terms of Reference \(/assets/Appendix-3-Terms-of-Reference.pdf\)](/assets/Appendix-3-Terms-of-Reference.pdf)
- [Appendix 4 Summary of submissions \(/assets/Appendix-4-Summary-of-Submissions.pdf\)](/assets/Appendix-4-Summary-of-Submissions.pdf)
- [Bibliography \(/assets/Annotated-Bibliography.pdf\)](/assets/Annotated-Bibliography.pdf)

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## Consultation on the inquiry

- [See more about the consultation \(https://consult.environment.govt.nz/land/ministerial-inquiry-land-use/\)](https://consult.environment.govt.nz/land/ministerial-inquiry-land-use/) [Citizen Space]

The consultation closed on the 6th April 2023.

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# Panel for the inquiry

- [MILU Inquiry panel \(/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/land/ministerial-inquiry-into-land-use/panel-for-the-ministry-inquiry-into-land-use/\)](/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/land/ministerial-inquiry-into-land-use/panel-for-the-ministry-inquiry-into-land-use/)
- [Terms of Reference \(https://environment.govt.nz/assets/Terms-of-Reference-for-Ministerial-inquiry-v2.pdf\)](https://environment.govt.nz/assets/Terms-of-Reference-for-Ministerial-inquiry-v2.pdf) [PDF 111 KB]

The Inquiry Panel is Hon Hekia Parata (Chair), Matthew McCloy and Dave Brash.

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## Panel scope

The Inquiry was asked to investigate past and present land use in the region with reference to:

- storm damage and its causes
- current practices
- regulatory and policy settings.

It included the impact of storm damage caused by woody debris (including forestry slash) and sediment on communities, livestock, buildings, and the environment, as well as associated economic drivers and constraints. The scope was specifically to cover Tairāwhiti and Wairoa regions.



Te Tairāwhiti, Tūranganui-a-Kiwa, and Te Wairoa regions.

This image shows part of the East Coast, North Island of New Zealand. This is the area that the Inquiry focused on.

The first half of the Inquiry focused on public engagement with:

- public and community leaders
- sectors where land use has impacted Gisborne and Wairoa.

Numerous well-attended public/community hui were held around the regions, noting community concerns and aspirations for the region and encouraging online submissions.

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