

Forgotten Lands Email Template Text

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To: Prime Minister / Minister of Conservation / Members of Parliament or 2014 Election candidates of your choice

I/we are asking for better protection for New Zealand's Forgotten Lands.

Protection afforded to stewardship lands by the Conservation Act 1987 is inadequate. For more than 25 years, successive governments have failed to provide for proper management of these lands. The need for improved management and resourcing is urgent.

I/we support the calls by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (PCE) and the Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand (FMC) for urgent scientific assessment of the natural and recreational values of New Zealand's stewardship lands.

Grounds for this action are to be found in the:

Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's 2013 report –

- Investigating The Future Of Conservation: The Case of Stewardship Land
- Proceedings of the NZ Conservation Authority
- FMC Forgotten Lands Campaign www.fmc.org.nz/4gotn

I/we endorse the call by FMC for formal protection of the following eight unique Forgotten Lands as national parks, forest parks or conservation parks:

North Island

Coromandel stewardship lands; King Country–Whareorino Conservation Area and associated forests; South Ruapehu–Rangataua Conservation Area and Whanganui/Taranaki–Waiototara Conservation Area.

South Island

Mokihinui River Catchment; St James Station; Remarkables Conservation Area and the stewardship lands of the South West New Zealand World Heritage Area, specifically in the Hooker–Landsborough, Livingstone Range, Snowdon Forest and Mavora Lakes regions.

I/we ask that your party include urgent action for proper protection of Forgotten Lands in its election policies.

I/we will consider your party's commitment to Forgotten Lands before deciding on my/our vote at the general election.