

# PIVOT POINT

Deep Environmental Change

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## CONFERENCE DAY ONE

THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2023

Time	Session details
08:30 - 09:00	<p><b>OPENING</b></p> <p><b>Mihi whakatau:</b> Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei</p> <p><b>Welcome:</b> Raewyn Peart, Policy Director, Environmental Defence Society</p>
09:00 - 10:30	<p><b>SESSION 1: GLOBAL CONTEXT</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> James Palmer, Chief Executive, Ministry for the Environment</p> <p><i>Geopolitics, the ecological impacts of Russia's Ukraine invasion, and environmental security</i>, Professor Robert Patman, University of Otago (live video link)</p> <p><i>Our place in the world: Trade, environment and climate change</i>, Vangelis Vitalis, Deputy Secretary Trade and Economic, New Zealand Foreign Affairs and Trade</p> <p><i>Jointly addressing Aotearoa's climate and biodiversity crises</i>, Rod Carr, Chairperson, Climate Change Commission</p>
10:30	<p><b>Morning Tea</b></p>
11:00 - 12:30	<p><b>SESSION 2: REFRAMING THE BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CRISES</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dayle Hunia, Director, Kōtuku Systems</p> <p><i>Restoring the mauri of the whenua</i>, Rob McGowan, Rongoā Māori Practitioner</p> <p><i>Climate Change Impacts in Tairāwhiti</i>, Manu Caddie, Kaihautū, Te Weu Charitable Trust</p> <p><i>Rethinking our relationships with the living world</i>, Professor Dame Anne Salmond, Distinguished Professor of Māori Studies and Anthropology, University of Auckland</p> <p><b>Speaker panel and audience questions</b></p>
12:30	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>

13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>SESSION 3: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REFORM: THE GENERATIONAL PIVOT</b></p> <p><i>Session sponsored by Fish &amp; Game</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Natasha Garvan, Partner, Bell Gully</p> <p><b>International Keynote:</b> <i>Leading-edge concepts in resource management law</i>, Professor Cameron Holley, University of NSW (via zoom)</p> <p><i>The once in a generation reform: How do we make it work?</i> Sally Gepp, Environmental Law Barrister; President, RMLA</p> <p><b>Panel discussion and audience questions</b></p> <p><i>What key things do we need to get right in the reforms?</i></p> <p>John Duguid, GM Planning, Auckland Council  Mike Joy, Senior Researcher, Institute for Governance and Policy Studies, Victoria University  Andrew Parrish, Regional Planning Manager, Environment Canterbury  Annette Sykes, Principal Solicitor, KLE Law</p>	
15:00 – 15:30	<p><b>SESSION 4: VALEDICTORY</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Gary Taylor, Chief Executive, Environmental Defence Society</p> <p><i>Recalibrating environmental policy</i>, Vicky Robertson, former Secretary for the Environment (via zoom)</p>	
15:30	<p><b>Afternoon Tea</b></p>	
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>SESSION 5: HOLDING POLITICIANS TO ACCOUNT</b></p> <p><b>Chair and Moderator:</b> Gary Taylor, Chief Executive, Environmental Defence Society</p> <p><i>Making better decisions for the environment: Ensuring governments are accountable</i>, Rt Hon Simon Upton, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment</p> <p><b>Political dialogue and audience questions</b></p> <p><i>What key pivots are needed for environmental policy in Aotearoa New Zealand?</i></p> <p>Rachel Brooking, Labour Party MP  Simon Court, ACT Party Spokesperson for the Environment and Climate Change  John Tamihere, President of Te Pāti Māori  Hon Eugenie Sage, Green Party Spokesperson for the Environment  Hon Scott Simpson, National Party Spokesperson for the Environment</p>	
17:30	<p><b>Close</b></p>	
17:30 – 19:00	<p><b>After Session &amp; Pre-Dinner Drinks</b></p> <p><i>Sponsored by EMA</i></p>	
19:00 – 22:30	<p><b>Conference Dinner</b></p> <p><i>Sponsored by Berry Simons</i></p> <p><b>Dinner speakers:</b> <i>LIVEOCEAN</i>: Blair Tuke &amp; Peter Burling talk about their involvement with LIVEOCEAN</p> <p><i>Implementing the new UN Global Biodiversity Framework: What next for Aotearoa New Zealand?</i>  Kayla Kingdon-Bebb, Chief Executive, WWF-New Zealand</p> <p><b>Dinner MC:</b> Sue Simons, Partner, Berry Simons</p>	

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<p>07:00 (Breakfast) 07:30 – 8:45 (Session)</p>	<p><b>SESSION 6: BREAKFAST SESSION</b></p> <p><b>THE ENERGY SECURITY CHALLENGE: TRANSITIONING TO RENEWABLES</b></p> <p><i>Session sponsored by Boffa Miskell</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Tina Schirr, Executive Director, BusinessNZ Energy Council</p> <p><i>Closing the Energy Gap to 2050</i>, Ross Copland, Chief Executive, New Zealand Infrastructure Commission</p> <p><b>Panel discussion and audience questions</b></p> <p>Tracey Hickman, Chief Commercial Officer, Genesis Energy                  Susan Hall, Director, Energy Projects and Programmes, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment                  Ross Copland, Chief Executive, New Zealand Infrastructure Commission                  Stephen Brown, Director, Brown NZ Ltd</p> 
<p>09:00 – 10:50</p>	<p><b>SESSION 7: RETHINKING RURAL LANDUSE</b></p> <p><i>Session sponsored by Land Information New Zealand</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Corina Jordan, Chief Executive, Fish &amp; Game</p> <p><b>International Keynote:</b> <i>Regenesis: Feeding the world without devouring the planet</i>, George Monbiot, the Guardian columnist in conversation with Rod Oram, New Zealand business journalist (video pre-record)</p> <p><i>Facing the Tsunami - Our biggest threat is on its way</i>, Geoff Reid, Forest Restoration Advocate</p> <p><i>Recloaking Papatūānuku: building on O Tātou Ngahere from Pure Advantage</i>, Emeritus Professor David Norton, University of Canterbury</p> <p><i>Mobilising the regenerative economy</i>, Nathalie Whitaker, Chief Executive, Toha</p> <p><b>Panel discussion and audience questions</b></p> <p><i>How might we pivot future rural landuse after Gabrielle?</i></p> <p>Professor Bruce Clarkson, University of Waikato                  Adam Forbes, Principal, Forbes Ecology                  Tracy Brown, Director, DairyNZ                  Suzie Greenhalgh, Portfolio Leader, Society, Culture &amp; Policy, Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research</p> 
<p>10:50</p>	<p><b>Morning Tea</b></p>
<p>11:20 – 12:00</p>	<p><b>SESSION 8: POLITICAL UPDATE</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Shay Schlaepfer, Chief Operating Officer, Environmental Defence Society</p> <p><i>The Government's environmental reform agenda</i>, Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment (presentation followed by Q&amp;A)</p>
<p>12:00 – 13:15</p>	<p><b>SESSION 9: REWILDING THE SEA</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Julie Hall, Director, Sustainable Seas National Science Challenge</p> <p><i>Rewilding our seas and addressing the climate crisis</i>, Bronwen Golder, Stanford Center for Ocean Solutions, Deep Sea Conservation Coalition</p> <p><i>Restoring the forests of our seas</i>, Nick Shears, Associate Professor of Marine Science, University of Auckland</p> <p><i>Scaling up mana whenua-led approaches to marine restoration</i>, Dan Hikuroa, University of Auckland</p> <p><i>Innovative tools to support marine restoration</i>, Raewyn Peart, Policy Director, Environmental Defence Society</p>
<p>13:15</p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>

14:15 – 15:30

**SESSION 10: A NEW WILDLIFE ACT**



**Session sponsored by Department of Conservation**

**Chair:** Ruth Isaac, Deputy Director-General Policy, Department of Conservation

**International keynote:** *Lessons from the USA's endangered species law*, Brett Hartl, Government Affairs Director, Center for Biological Diversity, USA (via zoom)

*The relationship between Māori and indigenous species*, Professor Jacinta Ruru, University of Otago

*Options for Wildlife Act reform*, Shay Schlaepfer, Chief Operating Officer, Environmental Defence Society

**Panel discussion and audience questions**

Nicola Toki, Chief Executive, Forest & Bird  
Professor Ann Brower, University of Canterbury  
Jordan Munn, Chief Executive, Trap and Trigger  
Professor Jacinta Ruru, University of Otago

15:30

**Afternoon Tea**

16:00 – 17:00

**SESSION 11: MANAGED RETREAT AND REWILDING**

**Chair:** Lou Sanson, Vice Chair, IUCN Oceania

**International Keynote:** *Cairngorms Connect – the UK's biggest habitat restoration project*, Jeremy Roberts, Cairngorms Connect (pre-recorded presentation with live Q+A)

*The Blue Acres Buyout Program, New Jersey*, Camilla Gardiner, Assistant Manager, Sustainable Value, KPMG

*Working with communities to achieve restoration at scale*, Annette Lees, Director, Alternative Endings

17:00

**A Big Idea: Russel Norman, Executive Director, Greenpeace Aotearoa**

17:10

**Conference Close**

Gary Taylor, Chief Executive, Environmental Defence Society