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Media Advisory

Leading environmental summit conference later this week

Pivot Point: Deep Environmental Change, Grand Millennium, Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland, 22-24 March 2023

New Zealand's leading environmental conference is being held this week and is focusing on the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, and the land use changes needed post Gabrielle.

Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle have wrought havoc across our country and are leading many to question whether we need to think differently about land uses especially in the hill country and the origin of the massive volumes of slash and sediment that inundated communities and caused terrible damage in the coastal marine area.

This year's conference will drill deeply into those matters as well as evaluating the freshwater and resource management reforms. We'll also take a step back and consider what implications the Ukraine war, international trade and climate change obligations have for our environment. We'll flesh out the major challenges we face and identify solutions, like stimulating re-establishment of native forest cover in places where it should never have been cleared.

The programme includes a moderated political discussion with representatives from the main parties debating their respective environmental and climate change policies.

Keynote speakers include:

Professor Robert Patman

Vangelis Vitalis

Dr Rod Carr

George Monbiot

Hon David Parker

Rt Hon Simon Upton

Raewyn Peart

Professor Jacinta Ruru

Manu Caddie

Professor David Norton

Annette Lees

Dame Anne Salmond

Vicky Robertson

Dr Kayla Kingdon-Bebb

Dr Camilla Gardiner

And many more.

The full conference programme is available [here](#). For a complimentary media pass, please contact EDS's Events Director, Fiona Driver, fiona@eds.org.nz.