



NZ Biodiversity Strategy

“Top of the South” Workshop – 25 January 2019

Venue: Council Chambers

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Date: Friday 25 January 2019
11.00am-3.30pm

Kaupapa

New Zealand’s biodiversity matters to everyone, and everyone has a contribution to make. In the Top of the South you have already taken many conservation and restoration actions, instituted local Biodiversity Fora, developed strategies, a sanctuary, developed new capacities and exercised Kaitiakitanga. As we develop the next national biodiversity strategy, we might have much to learn from you and for us to learn together.

This workshop on 25 January is one of three we will convene in January in the South Island – Richmond, Christchurch and Dunedin. These are early conversations to inform the development of a discussion document for a new New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy. The discussion document will be open for consultation in May, and we intend to publish a new strategy by the end of 2019. You can help us develop our thinking. We are very interested in what you have been achieving and learning – and what would make the best difference.

Amongst the questions we would like to explore are: What should be our aspiration in our next Biodiversity Strategy? What would 2070 look like/feel like if we managed Biodiversity well? What do we need to do differently? We have a series of participatory sessions in which we will harvest as much as we are able. Join us as we shape our thinking.

Agenda: Council Chamber Tasman District Council

11.00am	Welcome 1 Connections. Participatory session and introductions. 2 Context and scope of the NZBS, Q&A 3 Top of the South Kotahitanga initiative. Fresh thinking. What is your “one big thing” that you would like to see included in NZBS?
12.30pm	Lunch (<i>Including conversations: what are your aspirations for biodiversity in your region and locale? What holds you back? What would help?</i>)
1.30pm	Reflections on National Regional Local action – how we design to support action at different levels. Learning from what you have been working on.
	Future stretch: Three big questions What should be our “strategic stretch” or laser focus? What could we join up/reframe/rethink? What should we be very good at?
	Next steps and harvest your key fresh conclusion from the day

Questions for consideration:

1. What is your “one big thing” that you would like to see included in the Strategy?
2. What has been your particular contribution/focus; as an individual and an organisation?
3. What inspires your contribution?
4. How would you like to contribute further in the future?
5. What holds you back/could help most?
6. What is *your* aspiration for:
Biodiversity in Aotearoa/New Zealand, nationally, regionally, locally?
For the NZ Biodiversity Strategy?
For the way we think as New Zealanders about biodiversity and our way of living, thinking, working?
7. What would 2070 look like/feel like if we managed Biodiversity well?
8. What should be our “*strategic stretch*” or *laser focus*?
9. What could we join up/reframe/rethink?
10. What should we be very good at?