

Remarkable Outdoors

New Zealand/Aotearoa, our islands at the ends of the earth. Made special by the beauty and uniqueness of our outdoors and the harmony and friendliness of the people lucky to call this place home.



What policies are needed to protect and enhance our Outdoors, and who will speak up for an outdoor life worth living? Who will place the highest value on our Remarkable Outdoors?

FMC's challenges to political parties...



Outdoor recreation is at the heart of our national identity.

That should mean:

- > Guaranteeing free access to public conservation land.
- > Creating a fund to enhance public access and complete the Queen's Chain.
- > Ensuring excellent and certain public access when land is sold to overseas interests.
- > Requiring DOC to put the recreational interests of locals before tourism.
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Traversing Double Cone in summer Photo: Guillaume Charton.



DOC should be appropriately funded and allowed to get on with its job.

That should look like:

- > Substantially increased DOC funding.
- > A department that is uncoupled from the 'natural resources sector' in recognition of its protective role.
- > A department that is encouraged to legally advocate for nature on private land and in the fresh water and marine environments.

FMC's challenge to parties:

Will you support an independent and appropriately funded DOC?





Projects that foster national connectivity should be embraced.

That means:

- > Operational funding for New Zealand's Great Rides and continued network extension.
- > Recognition of Te Araroa as our National Trail and operational funding for its sustainability.
- > Continuing the DOC Community Fund and encouraging the public to volunteer on public conservation land.

FMC's challenge to parties:

Will you support landmark outdoor projects?





Aotearoa's many threatened species need protection.

It can be achieved by:

- > Supporting the vision of Predator Free New Zealand 2050.
- > Committing to achievement of the declared PFNZ 2025 goals, including the complete removal of all introduced predators from offshore island nature reserves.
- > Continuing to prioritise and increase funding for Battle for Our Birds.
- > Increasing funding for protection of our special mountain bird, the kea.

FMC's challenge to parties:

Will you support the vision and milestones of Predator Free NZ 2050?





New Zealand's wild places are our birthright.

Honouring that looks like:

- > Guaranteeing that specially protected public conservation land will not be sold or swapped.
- > Restoration of Nature Heritage Fund resourcing to enable further protection of our landscapes and biodiversity.
- > Progress in reclassifying stewardship land.
- > Investigating establishment of a Remarkables National Park.

FMC's challenge to parties:

Will you protect our outdoors into the future?





Moon Over Remarkables. Photo: Craig Potton

Stringbog, Garvies. Photo: Rob Brown



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