

# Action for healthy waterways and a better environment

*Hon David Parker*

*Minister for the Environment*



The Government is undertaking the biggest programme of action to protect our environment since the introduction of the Resource Management Act in 1991. There is a widely held view that central government has not provided enough national guidance under the RMA. The changes being undertaken will address that.

The state of our rivers, lakes and wetlands are a top concern for New Zealanders. They want to see action to stop the degradation of our waterways and restore them to health.

“We need to start now. If we don’t, it will take longer, cost more and be harder to fix.”

Environment Minister David Parker will set out the Government’s ambitious programme to achieve those goals across numerous portfolios; measures that will protect and improve our environment, transition New Zealand to a low emissions future and ensure the economy thrives within environmental limits, while enhancing New Zealanders’ wellbeing. That includes measures to reduce waste, better managing hazardous substances, plan for successful cities and value our most highly productive land.

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**310 Castle Street**

