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Kauri National Park Investigation
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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to establish the Kauri National Park.

Federated Mountain Clubs is supportive in principle of the establishment of a national park in Northland which, in theory, will afford greater protection for the land and the biodiversity within its boundaries.

However, our support is tempered with some caution in that the Department of Conservation has recently undergone a review of its services, and this has resulted in job losses and cuts in expenditure. The Federation therefore has some concerns about whether the Department will be given the necessary resources to establish and maintain a national park with its likely increased visitor numbers and ecological impacts.

If this national park proposal is to succeed, the Federation emphasises that the Department must be adequately funded in order to meet its responsibilities, both for the provision of recreation opportunities and biodiversity protection.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary