

THE TOMORROW ACCORD

*An agreement between the
New Zealand Government
and the NEXT Foundation*



Vision: New Zealand is the greatest living space on Earth.

All New Zealanders have a stake in nature, because it underpins our lives and lifestyles.

New Zealanders' health and wellbeing, outdoor lifestyles, national identity and our economy all depend on our natural environment.

Our natural environment belongs to all of us, and we all have a role to play in protecting it for the benefit of present and future New Zealanders.

Visionary philanthropists are committed to contributing to this vision by investing in game-changing conservation interventions. They partner with the government on qualifying projects (defined overleaf) that achieve biodiversity gain and community engagement at a scale that leads to long-term social, environmental and economic transformation and inspires others to act.

*Chris Liddell
Chairman, NEXT Foundation
Director, Hutton Wilson Nominees Limited*

The New Zealand Government is committed to ensuring that:

- qualifying projects are well supported (with both management and technical input that is fit for purpose); and
- New Zealanders gain environmental, social and economic benefits from healthy functioning ecosystems, from recreation opportunities and natural heritage, and from living our history; and
- where the agreed biodiversity outcomes are achieved, those outcomes are maintained by government for New Zealand's future.

The signatories to this Accord invite future conservation philanthropists and governments to commit to this vision and intention.

*Hon. Dr Nick Smith
Minister of Conservation
22 March 2014*

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Qualifying projects

In 2011 the Project Janszoon Trust created a unique partnership with the Department of Conservation to transform the ecological prospects of Abel Tasman National Park in time for the 400th anniversary of the landing of Abel Janszoon Tasman in 2042.

‘Qualifying projects’ will be projects that exhibit similar characteristics to that founding project and will be:

- focussed on ambitious, measurable conservation objectives that could not be achieved by government working on its own;
- well aligned with DOC’s brand, existing philanthropists’ reputations, and with government long-term objectives (including Treaty obligations and broader public interest values);
- funded through philanthropic investment from credible, established philanthropists who are committed to engaged partnerships;
- long-term commitments from both parties;
- structured so that the project targets are achieved and funded through the partnership and the results are then maintained over the long term by government;
- primarily on public land and will result in public benefit;
- consistent with the scale and nature of other qualifying projects;
- interventions that contribute to positive social transformation that builds towards the vision of this Accord.

