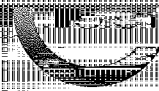


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Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), I am writing to you regarding the proposed changes to the New Zealand Conservation Act 1980. IUCN is a global organization that works to ensure the survival of biodiversity and ecosystems. We are concerned about the potential impacts of the proposed changes on New Zealand's unique natural heritage. We urge you to consider the long-term sustainability of our natural resources and the role of IUCN in supporting conservation efforts in New Zealand.

at a time when the international community through the United Nations International

and original commitments.

has experienced one of the highest species extinction rates in the world due to the loss of habitat and the introduction of invasive species, we

that New Zealand's biodiversity is one of the most intact in the world due to the low

biological diversity in our country.

departures from New Zealand.

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In conclusion, JCG believes that the proposed changes are worthy of

Zealand's past progress in conservation over many decades and we

direction is in the long term interest of New Zealand and a healthy planet.

Yours faithfully,

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cc: The Hon Kate Wilkinson, Minister of Conservation

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