**Blank Farmer Submission Template: *Draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity***

Beef + Lamb New Zealand will be making a submission on behalf of the sheep and beef sector on the Government’s ***Draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity***.

Many farmers want to also make their own submission to the Government. This template is designed to help those sheep and beef farmers wishing to make their own submission.

Steps for writing your own submission:

1. Review the [Draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.](https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Biodiversity/draft-npsib.pdf)
2. Have a look at some of the factsheets and other documents that B+LNZ has prepared that you may wish to draw on: <https://beeflambnz.com/npsbiodiversity2020>

Once completed, email your submission to [indigenousbiodiversity@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:indigenousbiodiversity@mfe.govt.nz?subject=Submission).

**DRAFT NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY**

Submission on the publicly notified draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.

**On:** Ministry for the Environment – draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.

**To:** Ministry for the Environment

**Personal Information**

*\* indicates required fields*

Company name:

Given names\*:

Surname:

Contact person:

Address:

Region\*:

Country:

Phone:

Email\*:

**Submission**

* Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.

**Background about my farm**

*(Keep this section brief. It is not required for your submission, but does help set the scene)*

*Where you are farming (catchment) and type of country you are farming (flat, rolling, hill);*

*Has your family been farming your land for multiple generations? If so, how many?*

*What type of farm;*

*Stock class and ratio and whether or not this changes overtime;*

*How long has the property been in your family and how long have you been farming the property;*

*Property under development – future aspirations and motivations?*

*Describe your environmental management? Are you actively planting riparian strips or allowing native regeneration, do you have QEII covenants, plantation forestry, manuka, wetlands or lakes?* Have you already fenced off waterways and if so, what was the cost of doing so?

**Why am I making this submission?**

*Why this is important to you in the big picture, the contribution you make to your natural environment and economic environment (employer, using local contractors etc.),*

*Your values and aspirations for your area, community, catchment and family as they relate to indigenous biodiversity*

**Section A: General responses to the proposals:**

*Outline here your high level feedback on the proposals. Do you support them, do you have any concerns?*

**Section B: Impacts and implementation:**

*Outline here what biodiversity you may have on your farm and the potential impacts the proposals could have. What are the practical and financial implications of the proposals? What would it cost you?*

* The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to and the decisions it seeks are as detailed in the table in Section C below.

**Section C: Specific responses to the proposals:**

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| **Specific Provision in the Proposed Plan** | **Submission** | **Decision sought** |
| ***The specific provisions my submission relates to are:*** | ***My submission is that:*** | ***The decision I would like MfE and DoC to make is:*** |
| **Hutia Te Rito**  ([Discussion document on a proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity](https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Biodiversity/he-kura-koiora-i-hokia-discussion-document.pdf), page 23) |  |  |
| **3.7 Social, economic and cultural wellbeing:**  (Discussion document, page 45) |  |  |
| **3.8 Identifying Significant Natural Areas:**  (Discussion document page 31) |  |  |
| **3.9 Managing adverse effects on SNA’s**  (Discussion document, page 42) |  |  |
| **3.12 Existing activities in SNA’s**  (Discussion document, page 49) |  |  |
| **3.13 General rules applying outside SNA’s:**  (Discussion document, page 51) |  |  |
| **3.15 Highly Mobile Fauna:**  (Discussion document, page 38) |  |  |
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**CONCLUSION**

* Final or summarising comments.
* Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. I/We welcome the opportunity to further discuss any of the points above with the Ministry for the Environment and the Department of Conservation, should you wish for more information. For any inquiries relating to this feedback please contact [*name of person or yourself who will deal with any enquiries*]on [n*umber, email address etc.*].

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*

*[Name]*

*[Date]*