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Dear IPNRC

My comments on the draft Bill are as follows:

- 1 The purpose of the Bill is undefined, resulting in excessive discretion being delegated to decision makers; this should be rectified
- 2 The purpose of the Bill should reflect ecologically sustainable development principles such as those contained in the current Sustainable Planning Act
- 3 the key concepts for planning schemes should be spelled out in the Bill rather just delegate the content of planning schemes to the Minister
- 4 Adequate community consultation in planning scheme preparation should be mandated in the Act rather than spelled out through delegated decisions
- 5 The Bill should require preliminary consultation on the overall direction for a new planning scheme (prior to drafting the detailed planning scheme provisions) as was required under the Integrated Planning Act
- 6 Public access to information provisions from the current SPA should be retained rather than made the subject of delegated decisions

The tabling of this 'private member's bill' is a political play and the Bill should not be given space in the parliamentary program while the the elected government is proceeding with its own review of the planning legislation

Thank you

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