

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR WELLINGTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Mapleton Forest Park—

When will the park be declared a national park and what will be the boundary of the proposed Mapleton National Park?

ANSWER:

It is anticipated that the majority of Mapleton Forest Reserve will be declared national park by the end of this year. As part of planning arrangements for this forest, a section of the forest reserve will be set aside as national park recovery until 2024 – allowing sufficient time for the transition of commercial foliage harvesting in this forest to nursery production.

Further, Mapleton Forest Reserve is used by horse riders and a trail network has been identified within the park. In line with the Government's previous commitments, these trails will remain as strips of forest reserve to provide for horse riding.

I would be happy to meet with the honourable Member to discuss any matters relating to the Mapleton National Park conversion at any time.