

# NEW POLL: Xmas wish list

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New Zealand has a Labour government returned to Parliament, this time in “co-operation” with the Green Party. Its direction has been [announced](#) and the views of other parties [expressed](#).

A fitting time to come up with a Christmas wish list for Ministers and their Parliamentary colleagues, in a world of Covid-19 recession, a national climate emergency, and the fast tracking of infrastructure projects.

A number of organisations are presenting their briefings to incoming ministers, among them [Straterra and the Aggregate and Quarry Association](#), [MinEx](#) and [Concrete New Zealand](#).

The [delegations announced](#) for the three associate environment ministers suggest a focus in this portfolio on biodiversity, freshwater, urban development and air quality, as per policy reforms started during the last Parliamentary term.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has stated it will amend the Crown Minerals Act in at least two tranches, the first to resolve issues with petroleum installation decommissioning and to make minor technical amendments.

That leaves open the future work programme on other aspects of the Government’s review of the Crown Minerals Act 1991.

In this poll, we ask readers to choose between the following options for our Ministers and MPs to consider:

- Fast track the RMA for all mines, quarries
- Review the Crown Minerals Act from scratch
- MBIE education campaign on minerals
- Ministers, MPs and officials to visit sites
- Benchmarking the carbon price to that of NZ’s trading partners

We also offer the option of “other”. If choosing this option, please specify using the comments function at the bottom of this article.

## Results from the previous poll

In mid-October, *Inside Resources* opened a poll on [how will the new wetland rules affect you?](#)

Forty per cent of respondents voted for “the site I work at may close”, while 26 per cent chose the option of “my earnings would reduce”.

That leaves 20 per cent who opted for New Zealand importing minerals instead of producing them locally, 7 per cent thinking they may move overseas, and 7 per cent in the “other” category.

Industries concerned about the new wetland rules include developers of landfills, property developers and providers of social housing, and farmers, as well as miners and quarry operators.

Environment Minister David Parker is aware of the concerns.

