

Memorandum

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Head Archivist, Appraisal

From: [Name removed]
Archivist, Appraisal

Date: March 18, 2002

Re: Delegated Authority to Transfer Material to Archives New Zealand
(OP2002/21)

I request the use of delegated authority to transfer the following unregistered files from the Protected Areas Scientific Advisory Committee (PASAC), to Archives New Zealand.

- PASAC: Minutes [1985-1987]
- PASAC: Policies and Principles [1987-1987]
- PASAC 1 [a]: Wainuiomata [1962-1985]; [b]Rimutaka Range [1985-1985]
- PASAC 2: MacKenzie [1986-1986]
- PASAC 3: Nelson background [1984-1985]
- PASAC 4 [a]: Karamea background [1984-1986]; [b]Other Business [1986-1986]
- PASAC 5 Reefton [1982-1986]
- PASAC 6 Mackenzie II [1986-1986]
- PASAC 7 Old Man (Mt Difficulty) [1987-1987]
- PASAC 8 Administration Wellington [1985-1987]

The date range of the above material is from approximately August 1985-May 1987, with incorporated papers and reports from earlier dates. Custody of this material was obtained through the Department of Conservation Head Office, where it had been sent by [Name removed], formerly of the Wildlife Service, Department of Internal Affairs and a member of PASAC. The files were then forwarded to the Appraisal Section Archives New Zealand for assessment.

The Protected Areas Scientific Advisory Committee was an interdisciplinary scientific committee established in 1985 to advise the Forest Service and Lands and Survey Department on protected natural areas, and to recommend reserves for scientific purposes on all Crown lands (see *AJHR* C3 1986-78). The Committee

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comprised nine members from key Government and non-Government agencies dealing with forestry, land use and environmental issues, and included representatives from the following: Forest Research Institute, Wildlife Service (DIA), DSIR Botany Division, DSIR Soil Division, Lincoln College Soil Science Faculty, Victoria University Zoology Department and the New Zealand Forest Service. The Committee replaced the State Forests Scientific Reserves Advisory Committee which had acted in an advisory role to the Forest Service for its ecological areas programme. The Committee does not appear to have survived beyond 1987 and the Government Select Committee review of QUANGOS.

These unregistered files and loose papers have been placed in envelopes and labeled by broad subject area. Occasionally several files, or a combination of files and loose enveloped papers have been placed in the larger envelopes. According to a covering note this material constitutes "one of the very few sets of all the notes/minutes of PASAC". [Name removed], also notes that another set was possibly with the Wildlife Service files of the Department of Internal Affairs.

A search of our holdings covering the New Zealand Forest Service (FS, AADY), Ministry of Forestry (AAQA), Department of Conservation (AANS) and the Department of Internal Affairs (IA, AAAC), has failed to locate any files connected with the Protected Areas Scientific Advisory Committee. A number of letters within these records carry the New Zealand Forest Service sub-series number FS 6/0/14. However, to date no files have been located for this sub-series in either Forest Service or Department of Conservation holdings. A further search was conducted amongst DSIR Soil Division (ABRI) and DSIR Head Office (AAOQ) series but nothing was located.

The files as they stand can be regarded as both the working papers of the Committee as well as the papers of a PASAC committee member. As such, minutes, agenda, maps, and research papers predominate. Intermixed is relevant correspondence. Photocopies constitute a major part of this material, as is standard for papers circulated for committee members.

A check of current files by the Department of Internal Affairs failed to locate any currently held subject files dealing with PASAC (Wildlife or other). However, the Department of Conservation Head Office did locate 3 files, held in storage, dealing with PASAC,

- NZFS 6/0/14 Vol. 1 PASAC Information Requests 1984-1986
- NZFS 6/0/14/1 Vol. 5 PASAC Secretary's File 1986-1987
- SCT 0014 PASAC

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Of the above files the most important was the Secretary's file. Unfortunately vols. 1-4 appear to be no longer extant. As registered files this material complements the unregistered material under consideration.

Given that very little material appears to be extant - only 3 files in Department of Conservation Head Office holdings - and that there is no mention of this scientific advisory committee in our holdings, or amongst the holdings of the Department of Internal Affairs, I recommended these unregistered records be officially accepted for transfer to Archives New Zealand. Acceptance of the material should be based on both evidential and informational value. The general absence in our holdings of any material on this high level scientific committee should be considered the determining factor.

[handwritten note from Head Archivist, Appraisal] I agree with this especially in the absence of a "master" NZFS record. [name removed]

Approved 2/4/02