

## **Media Release**

### **New Zealand Recreational Canoeing Association**

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#### **Foreshore and Seabed**

The New Zealand Recreational Canoeing Association supports the Government's proposal to create a new, statutorily recognised status for land, called "public domain" for the seabed and foreshore of New Zealand, in line with other major environment, conservation and outdoor recreation organisations.

The Association welcomes the promotion and recognition of the Queen's Chain as extremely positive for recreational kayakers and canoeists. Many of our special places are bounded by private land, and the need to develop and maintain access to recreational resources is essential for the development of kayaking in New Zealand.

New Zealand has become internationally recognised for its kayaking and canoeing opportunities, ranging from white water to sea kayaking. The concept of public domain will support the extension and preservation of access to those who enjoy recreation on the New Zealand coast.

The Association considers that the underlying principle of public domain could be applied to other parts of the Queen's Chain, which could be very positive for recreational access to New Zealand rivers and lakes.

Executive members Polly Miller and Alan Bell will represent the Association at a meeting between major environment, conservation and outdoor recreation organisations and the Government on Monday 15 September.

The NZRCA will write a submission on the seabed and foreshore proposal. If you would like to have input into the submission, or make your own, contact Polly Miller at [communications@rivers.org.nz](mailto:communications@rivers.org.nz) or 04 387 4117.

You can make your own submission by writing to Foreshore and Seabed Submissions, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, PO Box 55, Wellington or on line at <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/foreshore>.

**The deadline for submissions is Friday 3 October.**