

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 25 July 2023

Spatial Planning Bill

Proposed amendments

Simon Court, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 23A

In *clause 23A(1)(a)*, delete “, including mātauranga Māori,” (page 18, line 7).

Clause 25

In *clause 25(2)(d)*, delete “, including advice on mātauranga Māori,” (page 21, lines 24 and 25).

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper seeks to amend the Spatial Planning Bill. Mātauranga Māori is defined in other law as “Māori traditional knowledge.” It is difficult to assess what this will mean in practice, as it essentially is a concept that is based in oral tradition, from a select group of experts, and is difficult to contest for its reliability. Environmental law should be based, and claims questioned, on the basis of scientifically testable fact.