

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 25 July 2023

Spatial Planning Bill

Proposed amendment to SOP No 390

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

Clause 7

In *clause 7*, replace “; tikanga (including kaitiakitanga), and mātauranga” with “and tikanga (including kaitiakitanga)”.

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.