



Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*



**Fisheries New Zealand**

Tini a Tangaroa

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Barbara Taylor

Dear Dr Taylor

Thank you for your letter of 27 August 2018 recommending an international team approach for Hector's dolphin conservation.

Firstly, we would like to sincerely thank you for your participation in the recent Hector's and Māui dolphin risk assessment workshop held in Wellington. Your expertise and experience were invaluable in the review of the risk assessment work that has been undertaken, and the recommendations received from yourself and Drs. Lonergan and Reeves has ensured a level of robustness to the science process.

With regards to your letter, we appreciate your insight into this complex conservation issue faced by New Zealand. As you know, we are undergoing a review of the Threat Management Plan for Hector's and Māui dolphin, which will include management needs going forward and how we can best meet those needs in the future. At that point it will be important to consider your recommendation for international support for the conservation of these dolphins.

Once again, thank you for your letter, and for raising this important issue.

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink, one on the left and one on the right, corresponding to the signatories listed below.

Yours sincerely

Lian Butcher, Director Aquatic, Department of Conservation

Stuart Anderson, Director Fisheries Management, Fisheries New Zealand