



Forest & Bird delivers 4000 anti-mining submissions

Forest & Bird (BirdLife in New Zealand) and other environmental organisations today handed over about 4000 anti-mining submissions to the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) in Wellington. They are a small proportion of the estimated 30,000 submissions already sent on the Government's proposals to mine national parks. Forest & Bird conservation advocate Quentin Duthie said today that many thousands of New Zealanders had expressed their opposition to mining in national parks and other conservation areas protected under Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act. "Some areas of New Zealand are simply too precious to mine," he said. "Forest & Bird is confident that the Prime Minister is listening to the strong support of New Zealanders for national parks, as seen in the many submissions, the massive march in Auckland and last week's opinion poll on the issue." Submissions on the proposals close at 5pm tomorrow (26 May).