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## **Appointment of Walking Access CEO**

The Chair of the New Zealand Walking Access Commission, John Acland, has announced the appointment of Mark Neeson as the Commission's first Chief Executive.

Mr Acland said he was delighted to be able to appoint someone of Mark Neeson's experience and expertise. Mark has had an extensive public sector career in the former Lands and Survey Department, the Department of Conservation and the State Services Commission in Christchurch, Hokitika and Wellington. He is currently Manager Environmental Policy in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Mr Neeson has qualifications in law and environmental management. He has been closely involved in the development of the walking access policy and legislation.