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Cc: [Melanie Mark-Shadbolt](#); [Roger Lincoln](#)
Subject: FW: Meeting with Minister Shaw on Tuesday 15 January
Date: Tuesday, 9 April 2019 10:49:00 am
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Kia ora ano Hayden

Roger has asked me to forward you a couple of press releases for the meeting with Donna Awatere Huata tomorrow at 9am.

I've attached information that has come from Minister Shaw's office originally. The **attached background paper** provides a possible perspective on the issues that are of concern to Ms Awatere Huata. There is also an email in the chain below from Ms Awatere Huata, which signalled her topics for discussion with Minister Shaw, including:

- MfE/MPI – Māori capacity
- Issues raised on her submission on the ETS, especially support for Māori to plant indigenous forests
- The need for local input on adaptation

Press releases from the Māori Climate Commissioner are available from <http://www.maoriklimatcommission.co.nz/media/>

A recent focus of these press releases has been:

- Support for the student climate strike
- Questions about Climate Policy approaches by the National Party
- Concerns about the approach taken by the oil industry

If you haven't done so already, it may also be worth discussing this meeting with Minister Shaw's office.

Robert

From: Melanie Mark-Shadbolt <Melanie.Mark-Shadbolt@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2019 10:05 AM
To: Robert Stratford <Robert.Stratford@mfe.govt.nz>
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FYI

From: Laurette Siemonek <Laurette.Siemonek@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 14 January 2019 12:58 PM
To: Melanie Mark-Shadbolt <Melanie.Mark-Shadbolt@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Meeting with Minister Shaw on Tuesday 15 January

Kia ora Melanie,

I am the Private Secretary from MfE in Minister Shaw's office - Thank you very much for agreeing to support MfE and Minister Shaw at the meeting with Donna Awatere Huata tomorrow. I will send a meeting invite to you and Matt now.

The email below details the information provided by Donna regarding what she would like to discuss with Minister Shaw tomorrow. I have highlight an agenda item that specifically would be very useful to have your support on (among others). Attached is a background document provided by Donna, and also her submission

on the Emissions Trading Scheme.

Don't hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Ngā mihi,

Laurette



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From: Donna Awatere Huata [<mailto:donna@maoriclimatecommission.co.nz>]

Sent: Monday, 14 January 2019 10:09 AM

To: Laurette Siemonek <Laurette.Siemonek@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Meeting with Minister Shaw on Tuesday 15 January

Kia ora Laurette,

Key Topics :

Firstly I would like to introduce the Office of the Māori Climate Commission and what the establishers of the Office envisaged. Am attaching a background paper.

Secondly, I would like to address the issue of the value of authentic Māori capacity within MfE and MPI and of authentic consultation. For instance in Carbon Pricing :

- High carbon prices impacting the poorest, which Māori are.
- What is the expected pathway for determining carbon prices. How will this be decided?
- How will Officials ensure Māori are not disproportionately impacted during the transition to a low carbon economy? For instance electricity prices are set to increase to get people to shift usage. Poorer Māori families will have no other option but turning off the switch. A fairer transition in this case might be to force closure of aluminium and steel plants owned by overseas interests who enjoy cheap electricity.

Another example is the Civil Defence Review. Another is consideration of issues that will impact Māori disproportionately such as if Geothermal power is penalised for its emissions.

Thirdly, I would like to address some of the points raised in my submission on the ETS

International Credits - the premium value of an indigenous carbon credit.

Land use

- Maori landowners ought to be able to choose what they can do with their land. Averaging should be optional. Making them pay back credits if they have forests that are over the average age is to penalise them unfairly.
- We have an intergenerational focus on our land. How will we be rewarded for our custodianship?
- Many Māori have developed an aversion to pine - but will look at it if there is a regeneration of native forests plan in place. Towards the end of the 50 year permanent farming period the podocarps will be sequestering in a valuable way - how can this investment be recognised.
- Similarly, how can native sequestration be recognised

- In terms of fairness, landowners ought not to carry a greater penalty if our permanent forests burn down compared to rotational forests
- Offset planting should be allowed for all carbon forests, regardless of accounting methodology adopted. Offsetting will allow more marginal land to be planted, protecting more rivers and waterways.

Agriculture

- Farmers brought into the ETS with agriculture should be measured for their carbon footprint on the farm i.e. their agriculture emissions and their offsetting should be measured to give them a net liability. As FOMA pointed out, Māori have suffered underdevelopment as a result of Crown policies - how can their transition be managed.

Lastly, as Adaptation needs to be locally driven, I wish to raise concerns at the capacity of local government to support Māori communities who are vulnerable because they and their Marae and urupa are on coastal areas or rivers prone to flooding.

Kind regards

Donna
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On 11/01/2019, at 3:05 PM, Laurette Siemonek <Laurette.Siemonek@parliament.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora Donna,

As the meeting with Minister Shaw is fast approaching, I am emailing to ask whether you could please provide me with the following:

- key topics you would like to discuss
- is there anything you would like to bring to Minister Shaw's attention prior to the meeting?
- list of attendees

Many thanks.

Ngā mihi,

Laurette

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Kia ora Victoria,

Thats marvellous. See you then.

Kind regards

Donna

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On 20/11/2018, at 11:12 AM, Victoria Love <Victoria.Love@parliament.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora Donna

I've put 2.00pm on the 15th into Minister Shaw's calendar.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Ngā mihi, na

Victoria

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From: Donna Awatere Huata [mailto:donna@maorclimatecommission.co.nz]

Sent: Monday, 19 November 2018 10:46 AM

To: Victoria Love <Victoria.Love@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: An Introduction to the Office

Morena Victoria,

Anytime on January 15th would be marvellous. Many thanks. And Anna has come back to me on the delegation status.

Donna

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On 19/11/2018, at 9:37 AM, Victoria Love <Victoria.Love@parliament.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora Donna

Dave is away on leave today and Minister Shaw is heading to Antarctica this morning and wanted to come back to you regarding your requests to meet and your possible attendance as a member of the New Zealand delegation at COP24.

Minister Shaw would like to meet with you at the first possible opportunity. Given his current calendar commitments and travel programme this will have to be in the New Year. I've provided some date/time options below. Would you like to confirm which of these works at your end and we can firm this up in Minister Shaw's calendar?

I understand MFAT will be in touch shortly regarding COP 24.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding the date/time option that best suits for an introductions meeting.

- Tuesday 15th January 2.00pm
- Tuesday 22nd January 10.00am
- Thursday 24th January 11.00am

Ngā mihi, na
Victoria

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From: Donna Awatere Huata [<mailto:donna@maorclimatecommission.co.nz>]

Sent: Thursday, 8 November 2018 9:11 PM

To: Dave Butler-Peck <Dave.Butler-Peck@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: An Introduction to the Office

Kia ora Dave,

I asked to see Ministers Shaw and Parker so I could introduce both myself and the role those who established the Office of the Maori Climate Commission envisaged. With Minister Jones, since the Office and myself are already known to him, it was to provide some input on the value of iwi/community nurseries and planting in the light of the industries concerns that these initiatives may pose unfair competition.

I believe the establishment of the Office by the Maori Carbon Foundation is related to its chair, Sir Mark Solomon, being on the board of the Deep South Science Challenge board and being aware both of the inevitable impacts of the melt of the Antarctica and of the research that Maori will be hit first and hit hardest by climate change. And also being aware that Maori are poorly prepared for these events. The role of the Office is to :

- Provide independent Māori-focused research and advice that will contribute to Aotearoa meeting its obligations under the 2015 Paris Agreement on greenhouse-gas-emissions;
- Promote the Māori world view as a model to help Aotearoa meet its obligations.
- Support education campaigns and activities that will enable Māori to participate in the economic opportunities presented by Aotearoa's commitment to the Paris Agreement;
- Campaign for policy settings that will help Aotearoa meet its obligations;
- Promote an indigenous world view that works to transform world views harmful to the earth into practices rooted in indigenous tikanga.

I have focussed on building a base of Maori involved in some way in climate change, ranging from the many scientists involved in the Science Challenges, to those involved in building civil defence emergency response reactions, to those involved in flooding, coastal issues and marae, hapu who are at the leading edge of building response and resilience. There are numerous Maori voices to be tapped in this arena and I have offered both the Ministry for the Environment and Uru Rakau the opportunity to connect with them as officials look for ways to attract informed and passionate Maori opinion on policy settings.

Part of the brief set out for the Office is to build a world indigenous commission so that we can support one another in our efforts to help our countries meet their Paris targets. And to amplify the indigenous world view that has so much to offer the world in these dangerous times. In fact the goals of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform established by the Paris Agreement which are : to facilitate local communities and indigenous peoples' exchange of experiences and best practices on mitigation and adaptation with Parties are exactly what Sir Mark and his board had in mind when they drafted the role of this Office. The Platform's functions were broadly determined at COP23 to include:

- The exchange of knowledge
- The capacity building for engagement in the UNFCCC process and with the Platform
- The integration of knowledge systems, practices and innovations in climate change policies and actions, internationally and nationally.

I understand that COP24 will move to formalise the platform picking up on negotiations in Bonn in May 2018 and I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with the Minister participating in that debate as a member of the New Zealand delegation,

Kind regards

Donna

