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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>approval to publicly consult on progressing an Order in Council (OIC) to defer New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) obligations for farmers from 1 January 2024.</li> </ul>

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**An Order in Council is needed in 2023 to defer farmers entering the NZ ETS from January 2024**

- 16. The Cabinet paper also seeks approval to release a discussion document and consult, from mid-August for up to a three week period, on deferring reporting obligations under the NZ ETS for animals-farmers. These will begin on 1 January 2024, unless this date is deferred by Order in Council (OiC) (or the relevant Climate Change Response Act (CCRA) sections are repealed).
- 17. Consultation is a requirement of making an OiC under section 2B of the CCRA. **Section 9(2)(h)**
- 18. We propose delegating to the Prime Minister, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Climate Change the authority to make final policy decisions on progressing this OiC following consultation and authorise the Minister of Climate Change to issue instructions for drafting the OiC in order to minimise timing risks.

19. Ministers could decide to expedite the OiC process so the OiC is made pre-election. However, this approach has significant timing risks and would require Cabinet agreement to prioritise this before the election.

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