





## Zero Carbon Bill – Weekly Update: Monday 9 July – Friday 13 July





Overall Status			On track to deliver as planned.
			Some areas are not on track, but issues are being managed and the project will deliver.
			Project is no longer able to deliver agreed standards, timing or quality. Significant risks/issues need to be noted.

### Overall Status – Key messages

Alternative schedule options have been developed this week and discussed at MfE Climate Change Governance Board. Next week they will be presented to the Minister and Cross-Agency Climate Change Directors. The project will be considered on track once the schedule has been agreed by the Minister.

- A. Consultation concluded this week with public meetings/hui held in Tauranga (9 July), Rotorua (10 July) and Manakau (11 July). Additional meetings have also taken place with Te Arawa Lakes Trust (10 July). Responses remain generally supportive of the proposals in the ZCB. Questions are generally focused on the 2050 targets, emissions budgets and the Climate Change Commission (Commission) and the number of adaptation questions raised also increased. Questions this week included how the Government is engaging with Pacific People and how the Commission will represent and engage with the social groups impacted by the Bill, including those living in poverty? A workshop is planned with the Federation of Māori Authorities (FOMA) (12 July).
- B. As of 9am on Friday 13 July 8,642 submissions have been received (up from 4,828 last week). Approximately 88% are form submissions. 8,563 (99%, up from 93% last week) submissions have been processed. Generation Zero, WWF, Forest & Bird, Project Jonah, Greenpeace and Ora Taiao NZ Climate and Health Council have form submissions. Submissions have been received from PCE, Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, South Taranaki District Council, the Independent Electricity Generators Association and Victoria University. Six individuals have identified themselves as Māori however no submissions have been received from iwi or Māori organisations.
- C. The final scope of the second round of modelling has been agreed by policy teams and approved by Managers. It includes: improvements to the approach to modelling 2050 emissions reduction targets, especially the Net Zero Long-lived Gases & Stabilise Short-lived Gases target; analysis of different stabilisation levels for short-lived gases, and considers the economic impact of the non-fungibility of short-lived gases (ie, where forestry is deemed to not be able to offset methane); improvements to the estimation of forestry in the model; further modelling to assess the economic impact of purchases of international emissions and; improvements to the estimation of emissions projections in the baseline model run. This will now be implemented as a contract variation and work will commence immediately. The results from the modelling are due on 24 August and the final report on 17 September. During this period additional model runs/further sensitivity analysis will be undertaken if/where possible.

### Scheduled milestones

Major product	Scheduled delivery date	Estimated delivery date	Status	Comments
Discussion document released and consultation launched	7 Jun 2018	7 Jun 2017		Completed
Summary of consultation delivered to Minister	19 Jul 2018	19 Jul 2018		On track.
Technical documents published	19 Jun 2018	19 Jun 2018		Published.
All submissions processed	1 Aug 2018	1 Aug 2018		On track.

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Major product	Scheduled delivery date	Estimated delivery date	Status	Comments
				Two temps started processing submissions on June 25 <sup>th</sup> . 13 people have been trained and 7 are due to be trained. 5 are actively processing submissions. Most submissions received to date have been processed.
Draft RIS, Cabinet Paper and Submissions Summary delivered to the Minister for information only	17 Aug 2018	17 Aug 2018	😊	Note: the purpose of this is to provide the Minister with a clear indication of the status of each of these deliverable. This will not incorporate the detail provided from submissions, however will include an overview of preferred options from submissions. The format of this will be determined the week of 13 July.
Second round of modelling completed	29 Aug 2018	29 Aug 2018	😐	Behind schedule. A decision will be needed around the form this will take. This will be needed following the policy gap analysis. Timeframes are tight and a decisions in now needed as a priority.
Summary of submissions published	12 Sep 2018	12 Sep 2018	😊	Submission analysis requirements are being determined, submission analysis templates on track for being prepared.
Agency review of RIS	12 Sep 2018	18 Sep 2018	😊	Note: agencies will see an earlier outline and will be kept up to date with policy thinking.
Agency review of Cabinet Paper	21 Sep 2018	27 Sep 2018	😊	Note: agencies will see an earlier outline and will be kept up to date with policy thinking. This is considered back on schedule as the work as now been commissioned.
Minister receives final Cabinet Paper and RIS	12 Oct 2018	12 Oct 2018	😊	Conversations re. RIS to start with agencies next week as well as commissioning of Cabinet Paper.
Cabinet Paper and RIS lodged with ENV	25 Oct 2018	25 Oct 2018	😐	If going to DEV would lodge on 18 October. A decision on this will be needed in September based on progress. Focus on this is needed as commissioning needs to start for this to get back on schedule. A decision will be needed on the schedule for this to get back on track.
ENV consider Cabinet Paper and RIS	30 Oct 2018	30 Oct 2018	😐	If going to DEV this would be considered on 24 October. A decision on this will be needed in September based on progress. A decision will be needed on the schedule for this to get back on track.
Cabinet consider Cabinet Paper and RIS	5 Nov 2018	5 Nov 2018	😐	If going to DEV this would be considered on 29 October. A decision on this will be needed in September based on progress. A decision will be needed on the schedule for this to get back on track.

Activities completed this reporting period	Activities planned next reporting period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schedule options developed, reviewed by the team and managers and presented to the MfE Climate Change Governance Board.</li> <li>- Public meetings/hui have been held in Tauranga (9 July), Rotorua (10 July), Manakau (11 July) and Te Arawa Lakes Trust (10 July).</li> <li>- Submissions processing (continued).</li> <li>- Confirmation of resourcing for the operationalisation of the Climate Change Commission and Budget.</li> <li>- Review of governance responsibilities including the role of the Deputy Secretary's Performance Governance Group (PGG).</li> <li>- Determine the legal requirements of a new target.</li> <li>- Investigate how the Treaty could be integrated into the Bill.</li> <li>- Scope of the second round of modelling has been agreed and approval to vary the NZIER contract has been received.</li> <li>- Early engagement and process confirmation forms submitted to Treasury and confirmation received that a full RIS will be required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss schedule options with Cross-Agency Climate Change Directors and agree final schedule with the Minister.</li> <li>- Cross-agency workshop with the Federation of Māori Authorities (18 July).</li> <li>- Submissions processing (continued).</li> <li>- Confirmation of scope for the operationalisation of the Climate Change Commission and Budget between MfE and the ICCC.</li> <li>- Review of governance groups agendas (continued).</li> <li>- Determine the legal requirements of a new target (continued).</li> <li>- Investigate how the Treaty could be integrated into the Bill (continued).</li> <li>- Determine the format of information to the Minister on 17 August (continued).</li> <li>- Contract variation for NZIER contract and commencement of second round of modelling work.</li> </ul>