



## Climate Change Commission: expertise considerations

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1. As discussed with officials this week, this briefing seeks your decision on a list of expertise considerations for the appointment of the proposed Climate Change Commission, for inclusion in the Cabinet paper for the Zero Carbon Bill.
2. Table 1 sets out our preferred considerations (as described in the RIS), as well as other considerations which have been noted on versions of the Cabinet paper.

**Table 1: summary of proposed expertise considerations**

Preferred approach (RIS version)	<p>In recommending appointments, the Minister would have regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the need for the Commission to consider both mitigation and adaptation</li> <li>• the need for the Commission to give due consideration, across the whole scope of its work, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Māori interests</li> <li>○ equity outcomes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• the need for the Commission to include expertise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ climate change policy (such as emissions trading and international climate policy)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ economics (such as resource economics and behavioural economics)</li> <li>○ te Tiriti o Waitangi, te reo me ona tikanga Māori and Māori interests</li> <li>○ science, including mātauranga Māori (in fields such as climate, terrestrial and marine environments and ecology)</li> <li>○ social and distributional impacts</li> <li>○ risk management</li> <li>○ public health</li> <li>○ urban planning and local government</li> <li>○ community engagement and communications</li> <li>○ other necessary expertise</li> <li>• the desirability of the expertise of the Commission including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ such sector-specific matters as the Minister considers are likely to be relevant during the proposed term of appointment</li> <li>○ business competitiveness</li> <li>○ knowledge of the public and private innovation and technology development system</li> <li>○ insurance</li> <li>○ engineering and/or infrastructure</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Other expertise/wording noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• strategic expertise</li> <li>• economics and financial literacy</li> <li>• a range of industry knowledge</li> <li>• private and public technologies</li> <li>• risk management</li> <li>• ethical standards</li> <li>• Māori knowledge</li> <li>• appreciation of social and environmental issues</li> <li>• strategic enterprise management</li> <li>• environmental impacts</li> </ul>

3. Appendix 1 contains a list of all of the above considerations for your feedback.
4. Note that matters specified in the Crown Entities Act 2004 will also apply. Under section 29 of the Crown Entities Act,
  - (1) *A responsible Minister of a statutory entity must appoint, or recommend the appointment of, members...in accordance with any criteria for members and any process for appointment under this or another Act.*
  - (2) *A responsible Minister—*
    - (a) *may only appoint or recommend a person who, in the responsible Minister's opinion, has the appropriate knowledge, skills, and experience to assist the statutory entity to achieve its objectives and perform its functions; and*
    - (b) *subject to subsection (1), in appointing or recommending an appointment, must take into account the desirability of promoting diversity in the membership of Crown entities.*
5. Section 30 of the Crown Entities Act also lists circumstances which would disqualify a person from being appointed as a member of a statutory entity.

## Recommendations

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1. We recommend that you:
  - a. **Indicate** a preference to include or exclude each of the considerations listed in Appendix 1.
  - b. **Direct** officials to include the preferred expertise considerations in the revised Cabinet paper.

Yes/No

## Signature

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Hon James Shaw  
Minister for Climate Change

Date

## Appendix 1: List of considerations for feedback

Recommended options (as described in the RIS) are highlighted in blue.

In recommending appointments, the Minister would have regard to:	Decision (circle and/or comment)
the need for the Commission to consider both mitigation and adaptation	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to give due consideration, across the whole scope of its work, to Māori interests	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to give due consideration, across the whole scope of its work, to equity outcomes	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in climate change policy (such as emissions trading and international climate policy)	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in economics (such as resource economics and behavioural economics)	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in social and distributional impacts	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in social, environmental, economic and distributional impacts	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to have appreciation of social and environmental issues	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in economics and financial literacy	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in te Tiriti o Waitangi, te reo me ona tikanga Māori and Māori interests	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in Māori knowledge	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in science, including mātauranga Māori (in fields such as climate, terrestrial and marine environments and ecology)	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in risk management	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in public health	Include/exclude

the desirability of the expertise of the Commission including public health	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in urban planning and local government	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in community engagement and communications	Include/exclude
the desirability of the expertise of the Commission including community engagement and communications	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include other necessary expertise	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include strategic expertise	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in strategic enterprise management	Include/exclude
the desirability of the expertise of the Commission including such sector-specific matters as the Minister considers are likely to be relevant during the proposed term of appointment	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to collectively have a range of industry knowledge	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in ethical standards	Include/exclude
the desirability of the expertise of the Commission including business competitiveness	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in business competitiveness	Include/exclude
the desirability of the expertise of the Commission including knowledge of the public and private innovation and technology development system	Include/exclude
the need for the Commission to include expertise in private and public technologies	Include/exclude
the desirability of the expertise of the Commission including insurance	Include/exclude
the desirability of the expertise of the Commission including engineering and/or infrastructure	Include/exclude

