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Subject: Feedback on the Carbon Neutral Government Programme

Tēnā koe

I recently wrote to you to invite your agency to give feedback on the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) and its impacts on your business through a short survey. We received a lot of valuable information that will be incorporated into our advice on options for the future direction of the programme which we will provide to Minister Watts in early October.

You may have read in the media in the last week that the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) had provided advice to Minister Watts on the CNGP's carbon neutrality goal. I can confirm that the Ministry has provided advice to Minister Watts on his options for the CNGP's carbon neutrality goal but no Cabinet decisions have been taken at this stage. Feedback from the Minister on the October briefing will inform next steps for the programme. We will keep you up to date with developments and seek input from your agency on any future advice. We will also keep you informed if Cabinet is asked to make decisions on the goal or any other aspects of the programme.

We also recently received a request for CNGP emissions data to be made publicly available. We have provided agencies with visibility of this request at a working level and have received feedback that, while most agencies are comfortable with releasing the data, there was some concern at the level of detail proposed for release. Based on this feedback the Ministry is looking to release a full CNGP emissions dataset, including historical years, but excluding activity data such as energy use. A further update will be provided at a working level once we have this information ready for release.

As you may be aware MfE is undergoing an organisational change process. This will have implications for the CNGP in that responsibility for the implementation and policy functions of the current CNGP team will sit in separate teams in the new structure. While we are still working through what these changes will mean in practice, I wanted to take the opportunity to signal this change and commit to the team providing an update at a working level on the new arrangements and any implications for our work programme.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment and efforts in reducing emissions.

If you have any questions or need further information, please reach us at CNGP@mfe.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

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