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The Government released its [climate strategy](#) in July this year, highlighting five core pillars that underscore its commitment to delivering on New Zealand's climate change objectives.

Following this, the Government released its [draft second emissions reduction](#) plan, highlighting key principles that will guide actions in the second emissions budget period (2026 – 2030). In particular, it outlines the Government would remove barriers to enable rapid investment that grows the economy and increases productivity, and that targets would be met by a mixture of actions that reduce our overall emissions alongside activities that remove greenhouse gas emissions.

This email is to update you on the role of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme and how it fits within the Government's broader strategy.

As a result of the Government's strategy and draft plan for emissions reductions, Climate Change Minister Simon Watts has requested advice on the programme's alignment with the Government's climate approach. This advice will inform if the programme should continue as is or if decisions are needed by Cabinet on future options for the programme.

As the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) provides advice to the Minister of Climate Change on the programme, we recommend agencies continue to focus on measuring, reporting and reducing their emissions in line with their own emissions reduction plans and reporting these to the MfE by 1 December 2024.

Survey

To support the advice being prepared for Ministers, we would like to ask your organisation a few questions. The CNGP team at the Ministry for the Environment has prepared a short survey on the impacts of CNGP activities on business operations, which can be found at this link:

<https://consult.environment.govt.nz/comms/c967558a/> The survey is intended for senior leaders to complete and I encourage you to provide free and frank feedback. It will be open until Wednesday, 18 September.

Next Steps

In October, we will provide advice to Ministers on the programme's alignment with the Government's climate strategy and potential future options if required.

We will keep you updated on the outcomes of any advice and other progress via the programme newsletter and emails over the next few months.

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.

Kind regards,

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