



Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 2 July for the week commencing 6 July

Date: 6 July
Time: 1:45-2:45pm
Location: Bowen House

Attendees: Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change
Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment
Anne Haira, Deputy Secretary, Climate
Katherine Wilson, Director, Climate Change

For item 2: Matthew Cowie, Manager, Emissions Trading Policy
Scott Gulliver, Principal Advisor, Emissions Trading

For item 3: Sarah Deblock, Manager, Climate Policy
Helen Plume, Principal Analyst, Climate Change

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	Context	Anne Haira	10 min
2	NZ ETS Cabinet papers <i>What we need from you: Discuss your feedback on the NZ ETS proceeds and NZ ETS settings Cabinet papers</i>	Matthew Cowie Scott Gulliver	10 min
3	Long Term Low Emissions Development Strategy (LT-LEDS) <i>What we need from you: Feedback on final draft before Ministerial consultation</i>	Sarah Deblock Helen Plume	10 min

Upcoming meetings 6 – 17 July

Monday, 6 July	MfE officials meeting Meeting with Trustpower
Thursday, 9 July	MFAT officials meeting
Friday, 10 July	Elemental Group, Director Brett Rogers - 'Put it Back vision brief'
Monday, 13 July	MfE officials meeting

1. Key decisions for you to make this week

1.1. 9(2)(f)(iv)

2. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

2.1. New Zealand and international emissions prices

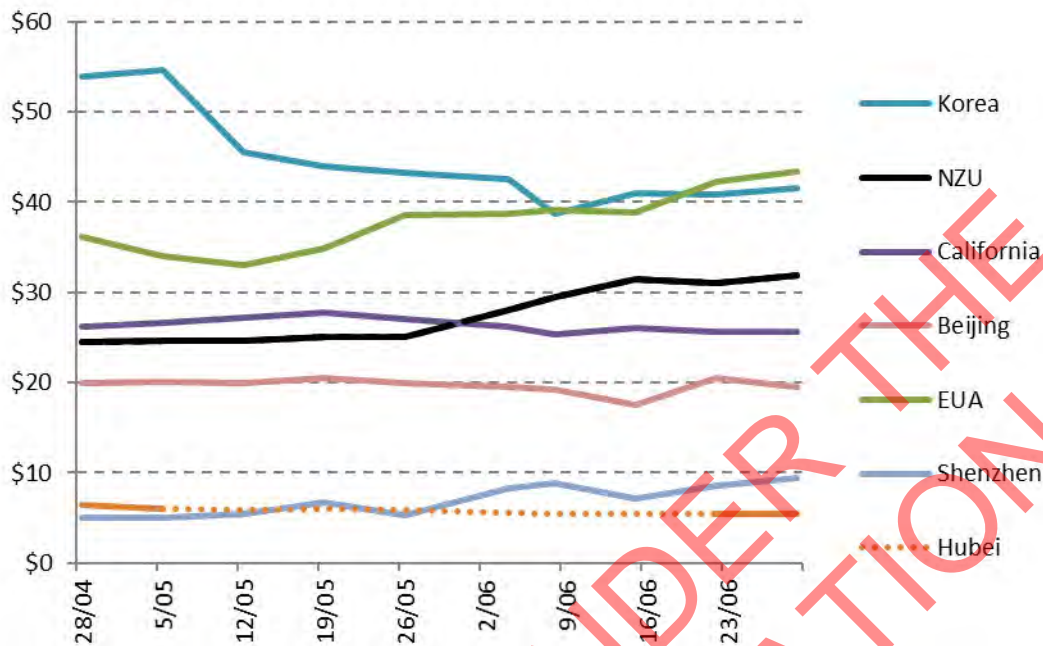
NZUs reached a record high of \$32.10 on Wednesday. Commentators and many market participants expect prices will continue to increase. This view has helped constrain supply in the NZ ETS market, as those holding units anticipate higher prices in the near-term.

Prices in the EU ETS have also continued to rise, with EUAs reaching a nine-month high this week. The price movement appears to be driven by speculator buying and short-covering, rather than emitters securing allowances to meet surrender obligations. Market observers have noted the volatility present in the EU ETS market and the risk prices could easily fall.

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2.2. Update from He Waka Eke Noa Steering Group

The latest He Waka Eke Noa Steering Group meeting was held on 18 June via Zoom. The Steering Group has provided partner organisations with the following key updates on delivery of the work programme:

- The programme as a whole is taking shape and we have a clear and agreed sense of our overarching vision, 5-year goals and a detailed plan and budget for the next 12 months.
- The Steering Group recently completed an exercise to reaffirm the vision, mission, values and name for the programme. Despite the fact 'He Waka Eke Noa' is a well-used whakataukī, the Steering Group reaffirmed it is the right name for the partnership. The tag line – Primary Sector Climate Action Partnership – captures the specifics while the whakataukī reflects the sentiment.
- An overarching Comms and Engagement Strategy is nearly complete. The strategy objectives include building trust and confidence through transparent progress reporting; using existing channels and leveraging partner activities; and involving farmers in developing policy and practical tools, including through existing industry farmer reference groups.
- Māori leads have now been brought in to the four priority workstreams. Work is continuing to develop and confirm the wider components and structure of the Māori Agribusiness Workstream/Te Aukaha.

International

2.3. Decision on CORSIA baseline

The International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO) Council on Tuesday made a decision to omit 2020 emissions from calculation of the carbon neutral growth baseline to be used for the international aviation offset programme CORSIA's pilot phase (2021-2023). The decision was made to alleviate economic pressure on the sector due to being grounded by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Officials had anticipated that the ICAO would seek agreement from its Member States (including New Zealand) before formally adopting any change to the baseline. However, the ICAO Council has decided to implement the baseline change through amendments to internal ICAO documents. This means that ICAO does not need to seek wider agreement from Member States.

Media commentators have suggested the decision may eliminate offset obligations for most airlines until well into the programme's 2024-26 phase. The longer-term future of the baseline will need to be decided at the ICAO Assembly in 2022, following a review of the scheme. That will include assessing the programme's impact on the growth of international aviation, as well as how COVID-19 influences the policy, in determining whether to recommend a 2019-only baseline at the next Assembly for the remainder of CORSIA's 15-year timeframe.

2.4. UN@75 Declaration – US concerns over climate change language

Following a series of meetings convened by the President of the General Assembly, a compromise text of the UN@75 Declaration was tabled ^{6(a)}

^{6(a)} . No member state broke silence on the revised draft Declaration ^{6(a)}

2.5. International business association supports cooperation on carbon markets

The International Emissions Trading Association (IETA) has published their vision for pursuing net-zero emissions in support of the Paris Agreement. IETA argues the need for companies, sectors and countries alike to increase their ambition to net-zero and cooperate through market mechanisms to achieve their goals. This commitment by IETA as an international business association reflects the growing interest in finding ways to increase ambition on climate change, and the role that cooperation on international carbon markets can play.

2.6. UNFCCC launches campaign towards net-zero

The UNFCCC has launched the 'Race to Zero' campaign. This campaign mobilises a range of non-state actors to join the Climate Ambition Alliance, committing them to net-zero by 2050. These non-state actors collectively represent over 50% of global GDP and close to 25% of CO₂ emissions. The 'Race to Zero' campaign contributes to an increasing momentum for higher decarbonisation ambition ahead of COP26.

3. Upcoming key events/announcements involving MfE/MFAT

3.1. Public release of National Climate Change Risk Assessment (July, subject to Cabinet approval)

4. Upcoming briefings

Papers for week ending 10 July

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06779	Process to appoint interim auction monitor for the NZ ETS	MfE	Advice on the process to appoint an interim auction monitor for the NZ ETS due to the postponement of the full regulatory process.
2020-B-06942	Ministerial Satisfaction Survey 2019/20 – Shaw	MfE	Requests Minister to complete the common satisfaction survey for policy advice, the results of which are reported in the MfE annual report.
9(2)(f)(iv)			

Papers for week ending 17 July

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2020-B-06904	Environmental integrity in international carbon markets – stakeholder engagement	MfE	Seeks the Minister's approval for engagement with stakeholders and experts on environmental integrity, and how we propose to develop and manage integrity requirements in international carbon markets.
2020-B-06961	Adaptation Strategy	MfE	Draft strategy and key questions for discussion with the Minister at the next adaptation monthly meeting on 21 July.
TBC	Talking points for ENV Cabinet paper proceeds from the NZ ETS	MfE	Provides talking points for the Minister's discussion on the NZ ETS proceeds Cabinet paper.
2020-B-06963	Talking points for LEG Cabinet paper NZ ETS settings regulations	MfE	Provides talking points for the Minister's discussion on the NZ ETS settings regulations Cabinet paper.

5. Cabinet material being prepared for you

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2020-C-06404	National Climate Change Risk Assessment – public release and initial government response	DEV - Economic Development	This paper seeks agreement from Cabinet for the public release and government response to the first National Climate Change Risk Assessment.	Cabinet: 6-Jul-20
2020-C-06595	Report back to DEV on climate-related financial disclosures	DEV - Economic Development	This Cabinet paper will present final policy recommendations to DEV, seeking agreement to issue drafting instructions to PCO.	Lodge: 16-Jul-20 DEV: 22-Jul-20 Cabinet: 27-Jul-20
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2020-C-06814	Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levy Amendment Regulations 2020	CBC – Cabinet Business Committee	LEG paper to update the synthetic greenhouse gas levy rates by amending the Climate Change (Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levies) Regulations 2013.	Lodge: 20-Aug-20 CBC: 24-Aug-20 Cabinet: 7-Sep-20

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6. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

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9(2)(f)(iv)	HUD	DEV – Economic Development	9(2)(f)(iv)
Decarbonisation of the bus fleet	MOT		Emissions analysis underway.

7. OIA requests

7.1. Ministerial

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7.2. Ministry for the Environment OIAs

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Reference	Drafting agency	Date due to send
<p>Can you please let me know whether any calculations have been requested, discussed, undertaken, investigated and/or analysed by the NZ Government, in relation to the carbon emissions created by the above.</p> <p>If so, please send copies of these documents and/or any related correspondence.</p> <p>If there has been no such discussion or investigation/calculations, can you please explain why this is? Please also explain how this serious lack of data fits in (or not) with the Governmental claims about the country's carbon emission targets or objectives and what the Government might plan to do to rectify this situation?</p>	9(2)(a)		20-D-00964	MfE	Thu 09 Jul
<p>Does the ministry hold any internally or externally prepared advice on the distribution and/or use of auction revenue from the proposed emissions trading reforms beyond that in the publicly available submissions?</p> <p>If so, could I please request a copy of all advice?</p> <p>If this request needs refining, please let me know.</p>	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-00925	MfE	Fri 24 Jul
<p>Any information on how much the current government's #globalwarming strategies will reduce the pace of global warming if fully implemented</p>	9(2)(a)		20-D-01212	MfE	Mon 27 Jul



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Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment
Natasha Lewis, Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Stewardship
Lindy Fursman, Chief Advisor, Climate Change
Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
Justin Strang, Director, Climate Change

For item 3: Fraser Wyeth, Manager, Climate Change

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1	Context	Natasha Lewis	10 min
2	Closure of Tiwai Point aluminium smelter (2020-B-06999) <i>What we need from you: Discuss implications with officials.</i>	Roger Lincoln	10 min
3	Process to appoint interim auction monitor for the NZ ETS (2020-B-06779) <i>What we need from you: Discuss any feedback on proposal to progress appointment on an interim auction monitor for NZ ETS.</i>	Fraser Wyeth	5 mins

Upcoming meetings 13 – 24 July

Monday, 13 July	MfE Officials Meeting
Monday, 20 July	MfE Officials Meeting
	MFAT Officials Meeting
	Sustainable Land Use Minister Meeting
Tuesday, 21 July	MfE Officials: Monthly Climate Change Adaptation
Wednesday, 22 July	Refining NZ CEO Naomi James
	Meridian's Chief Executive, Neal Barclay
	Meeting with Spanish Vice President Teresa Ribera

1. Key decisions for you to make this week

- 1.1. **Decision on delegating the adaptation reporting power (2020-B-06898 refers).**

2. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

2.1. **New Zealand and international emissions prices**

The supply of NZUs into the market remains limited. Among those units that are being traded, the price has continued to climb to record highs, fixing at \$33.00 on 8 July. This is over a \$10 increase from their low of \$22.20 on 24 March; representing a 46 percent increase. It is expected that the steep rate of increase will soon level. The impact that high NZU prices may have on the conversion of farming land to forestry is seeing an increase of publicity in mainstream media.

On 9 July 2020 New Zealand Aluminium Smelter announced its plans to close the Tiwai Point Smelter by mid-2021. In response, NZU prices dropped to \$32.50.

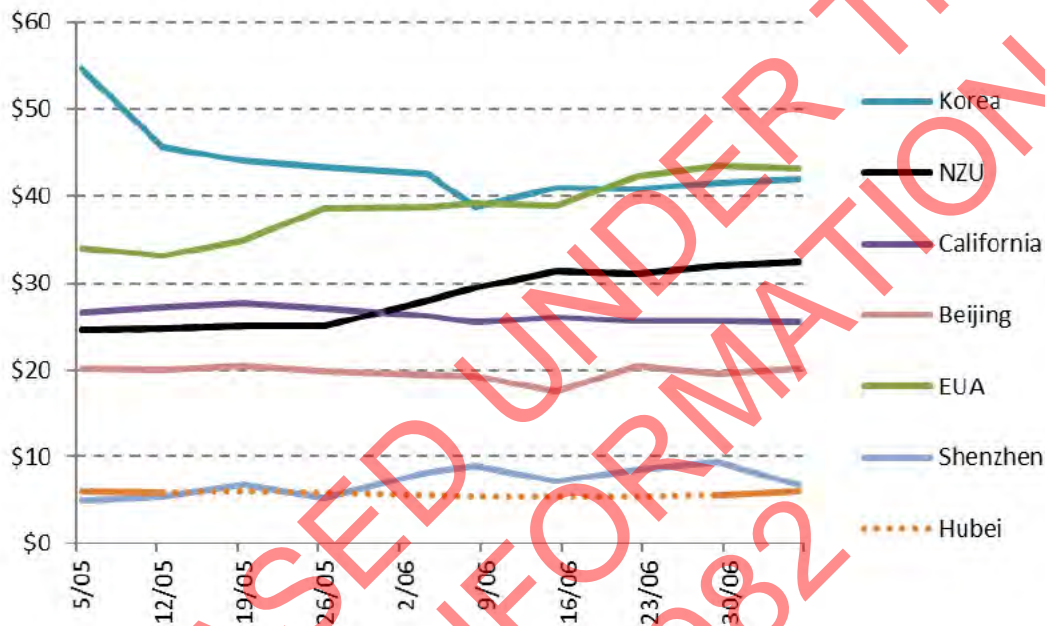
Prices in the EU ETS fell just short of trading at 30 Euro. Traders have described the market as very volatile and driven by a wave of speculation. This week Germany discussed their support for extending the EU ETS to include international shipping. The European Parliament's environment committee are currently assessing this proposal and are expected to release an impact assessment report by June 2021, which is based on an assumption that the inclusion of shipping would cause the EU ETS price to rise to 36 Euro.

California prices have remained at or just below the Western Climate Initiative auction reserve price of \$16.68 USD.

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2.2. Options for modelling the electricity allocation factor

We last briefed you on updating the electricity allocation factor (EAF) in March, where it was noted that the results from recent modelling exercise were now unusable. The COVID-19 impacts on electricity demand and supply forecasts were not envisaged when the modelling was performed. The EAF value has a fiscal cost of \$80 million per year (2.4 million emission units are allocated for free annually as a result of its present value of 0.537tCO₂e/MWh, 900,000 NZUs to NZAS).

We intend to publish a new report from our contractor that reviews EAF modelling methodological options within the next four weeks. We will provide you with talking points prior to this, in case it is publicly raised, although this is unlikely. The report weighs the various methods, including the forecasting method traditionally used and the Major Electricity Users Group (MEUG) preferred 'look-back' approach. The contractor concluded a change to a rolling average 'look back' approach has a number of advantages over other options. Such a methodology will mean annual updates to the EAF and allocative baselines.

Once the report is published we will re-engage with MEUG. Our aim will be to reach consensus on the methodology and its annual implementation, with a view to public consultation on allocative baseline changes next year. This will be in parallel with the broader review of industrial allocation policy.

2.3. Approval for consulting the EPA on draft auctioning rules regulations

Your approval is sought for sharing draft regulations with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

Regulations for auctioning rules are due at Cabinet Legislation Committee before the end of November this year. There is benefit in consulting the EPA on the draft regulations before they are presented to Cabinet. The regulations are likely to contain important process steps and other actions for the regulator and the register. Ensuring the regulations correctly describe these and that they are implementable is important to the success of emission unit auctions.

It is good practice to seek Cabinet approval to share draft regulations outside the Ministry. Unfortunately this approval was not included in the Cabinet policy decisions for auction rules regulations. Given we propose to share the draft regulations with one agency only (as opposed to wider publication), we consider you can agree to us sharing these draft regulations without seeking Cabinet approval, although we can arrange a Cabinet paper or prepare an oral item should you wish a firmer footing. Approval will also be sought from the Ministry's Chief Legal Advisor in accordance with Cabinet Office circular CO (19) 2: Attorney-General's Protocol for Release of Draft Government Legislation outside the Crown.

Do you agree draft auctioning rules regulations can be shared with the EPA? Yes / No

International

2.4. Netherlands 'manure crisis'

After months of COVID-19, the lingering nitrogen crisis in the Netherlands has returned to the forefront, and risks hampering economic recovery. Last year, the first ad-hoc plans to reduce the country's nitrogen emissions, which the Government was forced to do by the Dutch Supreme Court, sparked large farmer protests. This month, the Government-commissioned Advisory Group on Nitrogen published a final report criticising the Government's plans, and called for halving total nitrogen emissions and restoring nature with large, targeted investments. Due to domestic politics, most of the Advisory Group's advice is still politically out of reach for Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality Minister, but the Dutch Government has earmarked €5 billion for the next ten years to tackle the nitrogen crisis.

A new bill is being negotiated and is expected to include a reference to lowering nitrogen emissions by 26 per cent by 2030. Hundreds of millions of Euros a year would be spent to restore nature reserves and lower the emissions in the industrial, energy, agriculture, construction, and transport sectors. The plans include schemes worth €1 billion to buy-out pig and dairy farmers in areas close to nature reserves most affected by nitrogen pollution. The challenge will be to find a compromise that sets targets that will stand up in court, whilst keeping the coalition, farmers and environmental lobby groups all on board. With party politics starting to ramp up in the lead up to the next election in March 2021, the 'manure crisis' makes for a particularly messy dossier for the Dutch Government.

2.5. Mexico renewable energy and climate change update

Mexico has seen a radical change of direction in its energy and environmental policy since President López Obrador took office in December 2018. The President's nationalist energy policy has sought to remove the participation of private actors in the energy sector and strengthen the position of the state-owned Federal Electricity Commission (CFE). This anti-private sector

sentiment has mostly been directed at the renewable energy sector, given that it is where the majority of private investment is. Meanwhile, the President's policy of "republican austerity" has gutted environmental institutions through successive budget cuts, leaving some unable to even pay rent.

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[REDACTED] the Environment Ministry appears interested in cooperation with New Zealand on ETS implementation. Officials from New Zealand's and Mexico's Ministries for the Environment held a first discussion on 9 July about our respective Emissions Trading Schemes, recent developments, and lessons learnt. 6(a)

2.6. Japan: Plans to shut down 90 per cent of its coal power plants but continuing to invest offshore in coal technology

Industry Minister Kajiyama announced that 90% of Japan's ageing coal-fired power plants will be shut down by 2030 to cut carbon emissions – Japan currently relies on coal for about a third of its energy needs. The government will restart more of the nuclear reactors which were shut down following the 2011 Fukushima disaster. While Japan aims to grow the share of renewable energy to 22-24%, potentially increasing renewable energy cooperation opportunities, it continues to promote and invest in its coal technology in developing countries. A review of Japan's international coal plant financing policy is due to be released by the Japanese government on 9 July. 6(a)

[REDACTED] We will update you on the outcome of the review once it is known.

2.7. International Institute on Sustainable Development research indicates G20 recovery spending focuses more on fossil fuels than clean energy

The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) has examined COVID-recovery spending on energy by G20 economies. The headline is that 56 per cent of the spending was going toward fossil fuel industries and 32 per cent to clean energy. Commitments to fossil fuels dominated over cleaner energies in the United States, Russia, Australia, Canada, France, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and South Korea and Turkey. Commitments to clean energy exceeded those to fossil fuels in China, India, Japan, Germany, the UK and Brazil. (It was difficult to calculate in the remaining 5 countries.) The report will be published on 15 July at a new website, www.energypolicytracker.org. IISD works closely with New Zealand on fossil fuel subsidy reform. We will look to push the findings as part of our advocacy for a green recovery from COVID-19.

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9(2)(f)(iv)			
2020-B-06987	Emissions Reduction Plan public awareness and education think piece	MfE	Think piece on public awareness for the Emissions Reduction Plan.
2020-B-06995	Climate-related financial disclosures - talking points for Cabinet	MfE	This briefing provides talking points to support you bringing the CRFD paper to DEV.

Papers for week ending 24 July

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2020-B-06853	Considering climate resilience in Investment, Policy and Regulatory stewardship decisions	MfE	The purpose of this briefing note is to provide the Minister with advice on how to ensure current and future policy and investment decisions are resilient to future climate change impacts, including evaluating whether current regulatory systems are well-prepared to meet these impacts.
2020-B-06935	Market Governance Work Program	MfE	This BN provides informs that the Market Governance work program will be resumed and outlines its objectives, scope and timeline.
2020-B-06991	Approval from subgroup of Ministers to make exemption under section 60 of the CCRA - Ngāi Tahu offsetting case	MfE	The paper seeks approval to make an exemption for deforestation by Ngāi Tahu (as set out in 2020-B-06829), and to

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			communicate this decision to the applicant. Final approval from LEG to make an Order in Council will be sought after the election. The briefing follows Cabinet's June 2020 decision to delegate authority to make exemptions under section 60 of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 to a subgroup of Ministers for a limited time.
2020-B-06992	Approval from subgroup of Ministers to make exemption for one (or two - to be confirmed) small deforestation cases	MfE	The paper seeks approval to make exemptions for two small deforestation cases, and to communicate this decision to the applicant. Final approval from LEG to make an Order in Council will be sought after the election. The briefing follows Cabinet's June 2020 decision to delegate authority to make exemptions under section 60 of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 to a subgroup of Ministers for a limited time.
2020-B-06993	Briefing note on the long-term low emissions development strategy and Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation	MfE	Briefing note on the long-term low emissions development strategy and Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation

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2020-C-06925	Approval to make an Order in Council for section 60 exemption(s) under the Climate Change Response Act 2002.	LEG - Legislation	Timing and scope to be confirmed with Te Uru Rākau. This paper would seek approval to make an Order in Council for exemptions under section 60 of the Climate Change Response Act 2002.	Lodge: 30-Jul-20 LEG: 4-Aug-20 Cabinet: 10-Aug-20
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2020-C-06809	Setting regulations for auctioning in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	LEG - Legislation	Paper seeking approval to set the rules for auctioning in the NZ ETS as regulations under the Climate Change Response Act.	Lodge: 5-Nov-20 LEG: 10-Nov-20 Cabinet: 10-Nov-20

6. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
Updating the legislative framework to strengthen New Zealand's response to emergencies - tranche one	NEMA	SWC – 29 July	This paper seeks agreement to the first of two planned tranches of amendments to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (CDEM Act) to improve New Zealand's future response to natural disasters and other emergencies. The amendments are to implement changes in response to recommendations made by a Technical Advisory

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			<p>Group that provided advice to the Government in 2018.</p> <p>The Ministry supports the paper and the proposed first tranche of changes.</p> <p>The Ministry has requested continued involvement and consultation on tranche two changes. This is due to interactions with the CDEM Act and legislation we administer, in particular the Resource Management Act.</p>
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The Future of Rail - Final Rail Plan	MOT	DEV	<p>The CIPA requirements do not apply to this proposal as any potential emissions impact will be indirect. The Ministry notes that continuation and development of New Zealand’s rail network is important in reducing reliance on road transport for both freight and passenger transport, which will help to support overall emissions reductions from transport.</p> <p>The Ministry expects that likely emissions impacts of proposals advanced from further required work will be considered and assessed – as appropriate – at a later date.</p>

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Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 16 July for the week commencing 20 July

Date: 20 July
Time: 12-1pm
Location: Bowen House

Attendees: Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change
Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment
Anne Haira, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships, Customers, and Climate
Lindy Fursman, Chief Advisor, Climate Change
Roger Lincoln, Director, Emissions Policy & Markets

For item 2: Katherine Wilson, Director, Climate Change Adaptation

For item 4: Justin Strang, Head of the Office of the CE

For item 5: Sarah Deblock, Manager, International Carbon Markets

Ted Jamieson, Senior Analyst, Climate Change

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	Context	Anne Haira	10 min
2	National Direction on Climate Change <i>What we need from you:</i> Feedback on meeting brief	Katherine Wilson	10 min
3	Out of cycle budget bids – for the Climate Change Commission and for the External Reporting Board (XRB) <i>What we need from you:</i> Feedback on the out of cycle budget bids for the Climate Change Commission and XRB	Anne Haira (TBC)	10 min
4	Climate Change CE Board meeting, 30 July <i>What we need from you:</i> Check that we are in line with your expectations for the meeting	Justin Strang	10 min
5	International Carbon Markets project – update on the project's work on environmental integrity <i>What we need from you:</i> Discuss with officials and approve targeted engagement with stakeholders	Sarah Deblock Ted Jamieson	5 min

Upcoming meetings 20 – 31 July

Monday, 20 July	MfE Officials Meeting
Tuesday, 21 July	MfE Officials: Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Session Ministerial meeting with Hon. Parker and Hon. Woods on Climate Change National Direction
Wednesday, 22 July	Meeting with Refining NZ CEO Naomi James Sustainable Land Use Ministers meeting Meeting with Meridian's Chief Executive, Neal Barclay Meeting with Spanish Deputy Prime Minister Teresa Ribera
Thursday, 23 July	Meeting with Minister Rodriguez, Costa Rica Counterpart
Monday, 27 July	MfE Officials Meeting MFAT Officials Meeting
Tuesday, 28 July	Meeting with Dr Rod Carr, Climate Change Commission
Thursday, 30 July	Climate Change CE Board meeting

1. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

1.1. Upcoming release of regional greenhouse gas emissions statistics

On 23 July 2020, Stats NZ will release '*Regional greenhouse gas emissions by industry and households: Year ended 2018*'. The development of this publication has been supported by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and it will include estimates of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for 15 regions (the 16 regional districts with Nelson and Tasman combined). It will also contain breakdowns for a number of high level industrial groupings (such as agriculture, manufacturing, and services). Estimates for regional household emissions are also provided.

This brand new release has been prepared in response to stakeholder feedback requesting more integrated and detailed climate change statistics. Stats NZ intends for these new statistics to provide regions with high-level, annual, easily accessible estimates that are consistent with national level emissions statistics.

Full national coverage will provide insight into emissions trends for regions unable to undertake their own inventory, and complement those already developed. Existing data sources have been used to ensure that no data collection burden was imposed on regional councils. MfE welcomes

Stats NZ's growing role in the preparation of greenhouse gas emissions statistics that will support the transition to a low carbon economy.

A copy of this release will be provided to your Office from Stats NZ, under embargo conditions, 24 hours before it is released to the public. Ministries with impacted portfolios will receive an embargoed copy at the same time.

1.2. NZ Lifelines Council's National Vulnerability Assessment 2020 Report

The New Zealand Lifelines Council (NZLC) has released its report on the vulnerability of critical lifelines infrastructure to hazards, including from climate change. The report defines New Zealand's critical (nationally significant) infrastructure within sectors (electricity, transport, telecommunications and water).

For each sector the report identifies the vulnerabilities of the critical infrastructure, including pinchpoints (a single site), hotspots (where critical assets from a few sectors converge in a common location), and interdependences between utilities. It also looks at the key resilience issues faced by the sector and the actions underway to build resilience. For example, it notes that *there is evidence that more frequent high-wind storm events are impacting distribution system reliability, but to date there has been limited analysis at a national level of the longer-term impacts and necessary responses.*

One of the Council's recommendations is that lifeline utilities use the information contained within the report to review and update their own risk mitigation and preparedness programmes. We anticipate this report and subsequent action will therefore contribute to the National Adaptation Plan as it will help address some of the significant risks identified in the National Climate Change Risk Assessment, for example the risk to potable water supplies.

The adaptation reporting power could also be used to request commercial-in-confidence information from lifeline utilities as they develop their own mitigation and preparedness programmes.

1.3. New publication: increasing anthropogenic methane emissions arise equally from agricultural and fossil fuel sources

A major global study, released 15 July 2020, shows that methane in the atmosphere is currently increasing at a faster rate than any time in the past 20 years. The study was done by the Global Carbon Project and included data from NIWA's Baring Head measurements to analyse the global methane budget (global methane trend, sources and sinks). The new analysis shows that agriculture and waste (56 per cent) and fossil fuels (33 per cent) were the largest contributors to a global increase of 9 per cent in annual emissions (50 M tonnes per year) between 2000 and 2017. Current emission rates are consistent with the warmest scenarios assessed by the IPCC.

This has significant relevance to New Zealand's climate change mitigation efforts as methane accounts for 43 per cent of our gross emissions. The study's findings support the need for a focus on methane emission reduction strategies and technologies as the increases are driven primarily by growing global emissions.

1.4. NZ ETS settings regulations delay

You were expected to bring a Cabinet paper to LEG on 21 July 2020 to authorise submission of the NZ ETS Settings Regulations. This will no longer be possible because drafting of the regulations was unable to progress until early July. This was due to the very high volume of high

priority PCO drafting required by the Ministry, including the Fresh Water Package and the Fast Track Consenting Bill.

We are currently developing the draft regulations with PCO. We expect the LEG paper and regulations will be ready for consideration by LEG on 28 July. We will keep your office updated on these timings.

1.5. Industrial allocation: Upcoming approval of Gazette Notices and data collection package

Preparation of the Gazette Notices calling for data from four emissions-intensive, trade-exposed (EITE) industries is ongoing. The industry activities selected are cucumber growers, cementitious products, production of cartonboard, and the manufacture of iron and steel. Collection of this data will allow emissions intensities and allocative baselines of the selected activities to be calculated for the period 2016-2019. This will provide an updated view of potential over-allocation to these industries and it will feed into the wider review of industrial allocation policy. We are aiming to provide you with draft Gazette Notices, and data collection packages for your approval in the first week of August with an aim of making the Gazette Notices effective from 17 August.

The development of the terms of reference for the independent panel who will take a broad view of industrial allocation policy is also ongoing. We intend to draft a Cabinet paper to be considered by the Environment, Energy and Climate Committee by the end of November.

1.6. Climate-related risk scenarios for the 2050s – aquaculture and fisheries

The Aotearoa Circle has published forward looking climate-related risk scenarios for the marine sector. The report explored two scenarios, a low temperature increase scenario (>2°) and a high temperature increase scenario (4°+). The report reached some key conclusions (among others):

- The New Zealand marine sector will face challenging climate risks no matter which potential climate scenario becomes reality.
- Consumer preference will have significant impact on the marine sector in the future. Whether this will have an overall positive or negative impact remains to be seen.
- Although New Zealand's geographic location will buy time, the next decade is crucial for climate mitigation. Multi-stakeholder collaboration will be imperative to achieving this.
- Alongside meeting increased demand due to population growth, these challenges will require prioritisation of product transparency from policymakers and innovation of ethical practises for industry. The two scenarios demonstrate different approaches to success, so forward thinking and flexibility is key.

These scenarios are the first Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)-consistent scenarios we have seen used in New Zealand at a sector level. We see this as a positive leadership step from the sector that helps to demonstrate the value of TCFD analysis for others, particularly those that we are looking at including in our mandatory TCFD regime. We are engaging with the Aotearoa Circle regarding how this type of sector-based approach could be picked up more broadly across all important sectors of the economy. We are also considering this work in the context of developing guidance for our mandatory TCFD regime and how these actions may be captured in the National Adaptation Plan.

1.7. New Zealand and international emissions prices

New Zealand Aluminium Smelters' announcement that the Tiwai Point smelter will shut by mid-2021 caused a minor drop of approximately 2 per cent in the NZU price. A more significant change in price appears unlikely until participants are more certain of the impact that the closure will have on unit supply within the scheme.

On 13 July 2020, the European Union ETS carbon price broke €30 for the first time since 2006, but then dropped just below this mark by the following day. High prices in the market appear related to expectations that the EU will increase the ambition of its 2030 Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement by the end of the year.

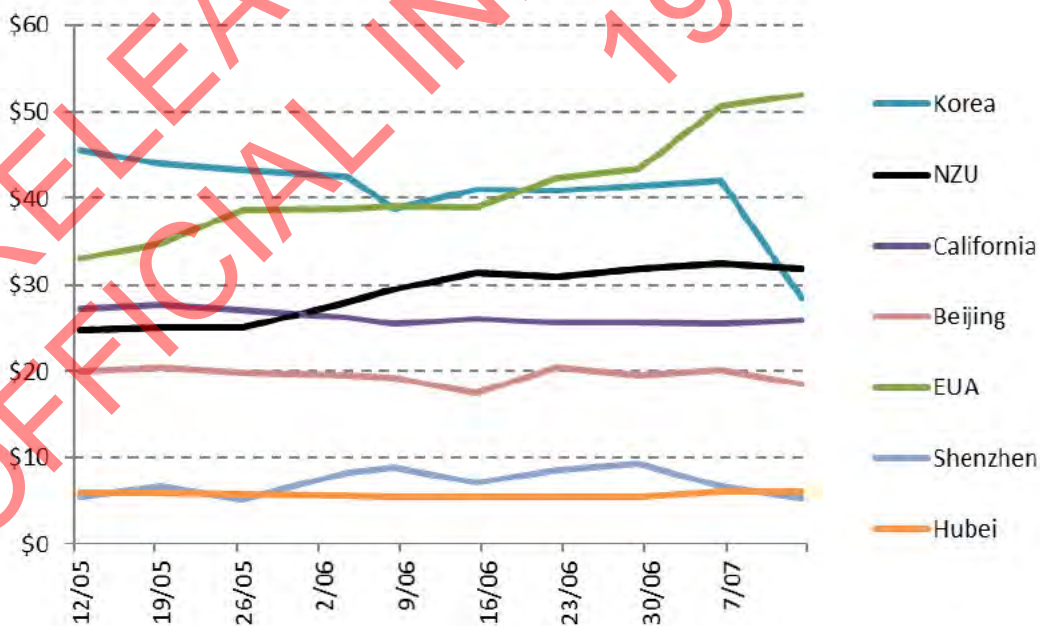
After a steady decline over the last few months, the South Korean emissions trading price crashed this week. Analysts attribute this to a major over-supply within the Korean market, and the fact that participants are required to cancel the units they are holding after their 2019 compliance obligations are met, which has a deadline in three weeks.

Table: Current emissions prices

NZU, EUA and California emissions prices (NZD/t CO ₂ e) as at 8 July 2020		
NZU	EUA	California
31.85	52.00	25.89

Note: the EUA price was reported incorrectly last week due to an error in the conversion rate between the NZD and Euro. The EUA as reported at \$43.22 and should have been \$50.67.

Chart: Recent trends in international emissions prices



International

1.8. New Future of Agricultural Resiliency and Modernisation bill introduced in the United States, with support from the farming sector

On 6 July a bill was introduced in the United States to help farmers more effectively mitigate climate change. The Future of Agricultural Resiliency and Modernisation (FARM) Act would create two new initiatives. The first establishes a FARM fund of US\$2.5 billion to help farmers invest in low-emissions equipment and adopt new technologies, as well as increase sequestration of carbon and improve air, water, and soil health. The second is the establishment of the Pyrolysis Program which allocates US\$10 million to support ten pilot programs across the country which convert tree nut by-products into reusable biocarbon products. The bill has support from both agriculture and environmental groups. It is an indication of efforts internationally to work with the farming sector, to find options for reducing emissions in the sector.

1.9. IMO further examines proposals to reduce GHG emissions from ships

The International Maritime Organization met virtually from 6-12 July 2020 to consider measures to reduce GHG emissions from ships, in lieu of the March meeting cancelled due to COVID-19. The main proposed measures were forensically examined, but no formal progress was possible as the virtual meeting was “informal”. Proponents of the two main measures (focused on ship design and ship operation) are likely to now consider a way the proposals can be mutually supportive, but a group of countries still appears to oppose any progress. The IMO Council is currently considering how to proceed under COVID constraints, including allowing virtual meetings to take decisions.

1.10. Joe Biden announces climate change platform for US Presidential campaign

Joe Biden announced an ambitious climate change plan on Tuesday to “position the US as the world’s clean energy leader”. Headline targets include net-zero emissions economy-wide by 2050 and a carbon free electricity sector by 2035. These targets would be underpinned by US\$2 trillion spending on:

- sustainable, modern infrastructure
- renewable energy investment (utility-scale, rooftop, and community solar systems; on shore and offshore wind turbines; existing hydro and nuclear power)
- the US auto industry (R&D, EV infrastructure, public procurement of EVs)
- a new voluntary carbon farming market
- zero emissions public transport options in every city over 100,000 people
- retrofitting 4 million buildings and constructing 1.5 million sustainable homes.

1.11. G20 host, Saudi Arabia, reported to be watering down fossil fuel subsidy language

Saudi Arabia is the 2020 host for the G20. Some media are reporting Saudi is attempting to change long-standing G20 language by replacing fossil fuel “subsidies” with fossil fuel “incentives”. While G20 language on fossil fuel subsidy reform has weakened over recent years, the move would be inconsistent with the 2009 G20 commitment on fossil fuel subsidies. It remains

to be seen whether progressive G20 economies will accept this change when the statement is released toward the end of this year. This underlines the need to push for support for reform among the broadest possible constituency, including small economies.

2. Upcoming key events/announcements involving MfE/MFAT

2.1. Public release of National Climate Change Risk Assessment (July, date TBC)

3. Upcoming briefings

Papers for week ending 24 July

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06853	Considering climate resilience in Investment, Policy and Regulatory stewardship decisions	MfE	To provide the Minister with advice on how to ensure current and future policy and investment decisions are resilient to future climate change impacts, including evaluating whether current regulatory systems are well-prepared to meet these impacts.
2020-B-06993	Briefing note on the long-term low emissions development strategy and Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation	MfE	Briefing note on the long-term low emissions development strategy and Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation
9(2)(f)(iv)			
2020-B-06995	Climate-related financial disclosures - talking points for Cabinet	MfE	To provide you with talking points to support you at the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) meeting on 29 July, where you will be discussing the paper - Climate-related financial disclosures.
TBC	Climate Change Chief Executives Board meeting	MfE	To provide you with context and talking points for your attendance at the Climate Change Chief Executives Board meeting, 30 July.

Papers for week ending 31 July

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06989	Approach to report back for NCCRA initial government response	MfE	This briefing note sets out how we propose to approach the report-back to DEV on the sub-national framework for risk assessment and adaptation planning, the role of government in supporting local government adaptation action, and governance arrangements for adaptation.
9(2)(f)(iv)	9(2)(f)(iv)	MPI	9(2)(f)(iv)

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
			Final approval from LEG to make an Order in Council will be sought after the election. The briefing follows Cabinet's June 2020 decision to delegate authority to make exemptions under section 60 to a subgroup of Ministers for a limited time.
9(2)(f)(iv)	9(2)(f)(iv)	MPI	9(2)(f)(iv)
2020-B-06935	Market Governance Work Programme	MfE	Briefing note confirming the resumption of the Market Governance work programme outlining objectives, scope and high-level timeline.

Papers for week ending 7 August

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06934	Approval of Gazette notices for industrial allocation data collection	MfE	Asks for your approval of four notices to be submitted in the NZ Gazette. The notices call for data from a selection of industries who receive industrial allocation.

4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

Paper number	Paper name	Committee	Description	Timeframes
2020-C-06595	Report back to DEV on climate-related financial disclosures	DEV - Economic Development	This Cabinet paper will present final policy recommendations to DEV, seeking agreement to issue drafting instructions to PCO.	DEV: 29-Jul-20 Cabinet: 03-Aug-20
2020-C-06808	NZ ETS settings regulations	LEG – Legislation	This Cabinet paper seeks approval to set the NZ ETS settings regulations under the Climate Change Response Act.	Lodge: 23-Jul-20 LEG: 21-Jul-20 Cabinet: 27-Jul-20
2020-C-06841	Proceeds from the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	Responds to the ENV inserted recommendation to report back on NZ ETS accounting and possible uses of cash from emission unit auctions	ENV: 23-Jul-20 Cabinet: 27-Jul-20

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2020-C-06764	New Zealand's Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	This paper seeks Cabinet approval for New Zealand's Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy (LT-LEDS), 9(2)(g)(i)	9(2)(f)(iv)
2020-C-06947	Request for additional funding for Climate Change Commission	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	This Cabinet Paper seeks approval for additional funding for the Climate Change Commission to carry out recently requested work (methane and NDC) and meet its additional responsibilities under the ETR amendment bill. These require additional resourcing as they were not part of the original work programme.	Lodge: 30-Jul-20 ENV: 6-Aug-20 Cabinet: 10-Aug-20
9(2)(f)(iv)				
2020-C-06814	Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levy Amendment Regulations 2020	CBC – Cabinet Business Committee	LEG paper to update the synthetic greenhouse gas levy rates by amending the Climate Change (Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levies) Regulations 2013.	Lodge: 20-Aug-20 CBC: 24-Aug-20 Cabinet: 7-Sep-20

5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
9(2)(f)(iv)	MPI	DEV	9(2)(f)(iv)

			The Ministry supports this paper and provided no further comments.
Comprehensive review of the resource management system - releasing the Resource Management Review Panel's final report	MfE	ENV	<p>The Minister for the Environment intends to release the Resource Management Review Panel's report on RM reform by August 2020. The release of the report will be accompanied by a media statement, which will describe the process to date, but it will <i>not</i> promote or oppose the proposals. This is for the incoming government to consider.</p> <p>Note that the Panel's report contains proposals for climate change mitigation and adaptation, including a new discrete piece of legislation, the Managed Retreat and Climate Change Adaptation Act.</p> <p>The Ministry supports this paper.</p>
Supporting implementation of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act	MfE	ENV	<p>This paper seeks Cabinet authority for the Minister for the Environment to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> directly instruct PCO on projects referred to a Panel (rather than requiring Cabinet approval) waive RIA requirements and waive the normal 28-day notice for Gazettal. <p>Cabinet agreement to this would not affect the requirement in the Act for the Minister to invite comments from relevant Ministers (including Minister for Climate Change) on whether to proceed with an Order in Council. We consider this step important for highlighting matters relevant to climate change.</p> <p>Projects referred through Orders in Council would also still be taken to the Cabinet Legislation Committee followed by Cabinet confirmation.</p> <p>The Ministry supports this paper.</p>

Climate Implications of Policy Assessments (CIPA)

The CIPA requirement came into force on 1 November 2019. The following table sets out current CIPAs that we are working with agencies on, where the CIPA requirements apply.

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9(2)(f)(iv)	MOT	DEV	9(2)(f)(iv)

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9(2)(f)(iv)	MBIE	GOV	9(2)(f)(iv)
Report back to Cabinet on detailed timeframes for national direction	MfE	ENV	The CIPA requirements do not apply to this proposal as the likely impact on emissions is unable to be quantified at this stage. However, the introduction of a national direction tool that directs local government on making planning and consenting decisions on the basis of their greenhouse gas emissions impact is likely to be significant in contributing towards overall emissions reductions, particularly in process heat emissions. As this work is progressed, comprehensive emissions analysis will be carried out as appropriate in advance of further policy decisions to be made on the national direction tool.

6. OIA requests

6.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Reference	Drafting agency	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
<p>Last night my MP raised a point of order to Minister Shaw during the Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Reform) Amendment bill committee stage.</p> <p>Minister Shaw referred to a document which to paraphrase 9(2)(a) mentioned hundreds of millions of dollars that was going to cost the Crown being transferred to another party. 9(2)(a) asked that the document be tabled, while the Minister said he wouldn't do that he said he would have it passed onto 9(2)(a) I am just following up on that and requesting the document Minister Shaw was referring to be passed on.</p> <p>(Note: the document referred to is 2020-B-06742 <i>Afforestation proposals assessment</i>)</p>	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-O-00937	MfE	ASAP - Undergoing consultation	Thu 23 Jul

6.2. Ministry for the Environment OIAs

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<p>This is a request for the following information under the terms of the Official Information Act.</p> <p>- What was the agency's total greenhouse gas footprint in the most recent year in which records exist (if such records exist)? Please provide a breakdown of those emissions if they are available.</p> <p>- Does the agency have a policy of requiring employees and/or contractors to offset work-related emissions, eg domestic or international flights?</p> <p>- Does the agency have an emissions reduction plan, or emissions reduction targets, either in place or in development? If so, please provide details of the plan and/or targets.</p> <p>Please let me know if I can clarify or refine my request.</p> <p>This information will be used in a report on emissions policies within the state sector.</p>	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-01264 Departmental	MfE	Tue 04 Aug
Please provide all advice provided to Ministers in relation to the Manapouri Power Scheme, national grid upgrades and Tiwai Smelter.	9(2)(a)		20-D-01284 Departmental	MfE	Thu 06 Aug

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6.3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade OIAs

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Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 23 July for the week commencing 27 July

Date: 27 July
Time: 1:45-2:45pm
Location: Bowen House

Attendees: Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change
Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment
Anne Haira, Deputy Secretary, Climate Change/Partnerships & Customers
Lindy Fursman, Chief Advisor, Climate Change
Roger Lincoln, Director, Emissions Policy & Markets
Katherine Wilson, Director, Climate Change Adaptation

For item 2: Emma Corbett, Manager, Climate Change
Lewis Stevens, Principal Analyst, Climate Change

For item 3: Sarah Helm, Principal Communications Advisor

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	Context	Anne Haira	10 min
2	Strategy discussion on climate change adaptation – follow up <u>What we need from you:</u> Provide feedback on our proposed next steps for the adaptation work programme	Katherine Wilson Lewis Stevens Emma Corbett	10 min
3	Climate change public education and awareness <u>What we need from you:</u> Confirm timing of report back on public awareness think piece	Sarah Helm Rachel Ward	10 min

Upcoming meetings 27 July – 7 August

Monday, 27 July	MfE Officials Meeting Sustainable Land Use Ministers Meeting ATTEND/SPEAK: 20 Years of EECA Celebration Meeting with Spanish Deputy Prime Minister, Teresa Ribera
Tuesday, 28 July	Meeting with Dr Rod Carr, Climate Change Commission
Wednesday, 29 July	Prime Minister and the Farmers Leadership Group
Thursday, 30 July	Climate Change CE Board meeting
Monday, 3 August	Thank you morning tea with the MfE Climate Change Directorate MfE Officials Meeting Sustainable Land Use Ministers Meeting
Wednesday, 5 August	WEBINAR: Leonie Live: A Conversation with Hon James Shaw (hosted by Property Council New Zealand - Sustainability in the Property Sector)
Friday, 7 August	SPEAK: Kiwi Carbon Conversation (webinar)

1. Strategic Priorities

1.1. Upcoming volume of Cabinet decisions.

2. Updates for noting

2.1. Climate change public education think piece and communications campaign

In a briefing in May on attitudes towards climate change (2020-B-06677), we committed to reporting back to you on progress with drafting a think piece on public education and awareness as part of the Emissions Reduction Plan. The think piece, jointly developed with EECA, is a scoping exercise looking at the work already being done and providing a framework to guide the planning of future public education and awareness activities. The next steps include setting up a formal cross-agency group to coordinate public education and awareness activities.

We have also commissioned Colmar Brunton to undertake qualitative research into attitudes towards climate change using in-depth interviews. The results are due early August. The research seeks to determine what 'the busy' and 'the self-interested' understand about climate change, what actions they are willing to take and what barriers and motivations exist to taking those

actions. We are also asking whether COVID-19 and subsequent economic impacts have impacted their view on climate change and its relative importance.

The results will be utilised to inform a public education and awareness campaign following the release of the Atmosphere and Climate report in October. We intend to brief you on the results of the research and our plans for the public awareness campaign in September or October.

2.2. Assessing climate resilience of 'shovel-ready' projects

We have been working with Treasury on climate change adaptation criteria they can use to evaluate the Infrastructure Reference Group ('shovel-ready') projects. This includes both assessing the potential relevance to risks identified within the National Climate Change Risk Assessment, as well as how to consider the implications of the project or proposal's short and long term resilience to the impacts of climate change.

We expect Treasury will use this to inform project-approval templates and processes to be sent out to delivery agencies as part of the detailed due-diligence being done on each of the projects. We will continue to work with Treasury through the due-diligence process. All delivery agencies will be responsible for providing this information on their respective projects, which will then be collated into one product which you will receive as a member of the Infrastructure Reference Group of Ministers.

Our experience reviewing these projects highlights the need for a clearer framework and capability within agencies to make these assessments. We'll provide more detailed advice in the week of 27 July on potential measures for embedding climate resilience considerations in government's investment, policy and regulatory stewardship decisions.

3. Context

Domestic

3.1. Industrial allocation: Sensitive information to be requested from NZ Steel in upcoming data collection

We would like to draw your attention to a risk in the upcoming industrial allocation data collection exercise. Data is to be called from four emissions-intensive, trade-exposed activities – one of them being the manufacturer of iron and steel. NZ Steel is the main producer of iron and steel in New Zealand and this data collection will demand information about the electricity it uses. NZ Steel may be sensitive about this information, and why it is being requested. This is because NZ Steel has a unique arrangement for the way its on-site generation of electricity from the hot waste gases of its industrial process is used to determine its allocative baseline. This arrangement is generous to NZ Steel, and has been contentious in the past. NZ Steel may be concerned our request suggests we are seeking to review or alter that arrangement.

To address this risk, the explanatory notice and related guidance documents will clearly explain we are only seeking this information to compare current emissions intensities against the prescribed, historic, allocative baselines. No policy or regulatory changes will result from responding to this request alone.

BlueScope Steel (NZ Steel's parent company) has recently announced it is conducting a strategic review of its New Zealand operations. This is based on their expectation of lower sustainable

earnings in the long-term and uncertainty due to public policy settings in carbon, trade and energy. BlueScope Steel will announce decisions on the strategic review on the same day the data collection exercise is expected to begin, 17 August.

3.2. New Zealand and international emissions prices

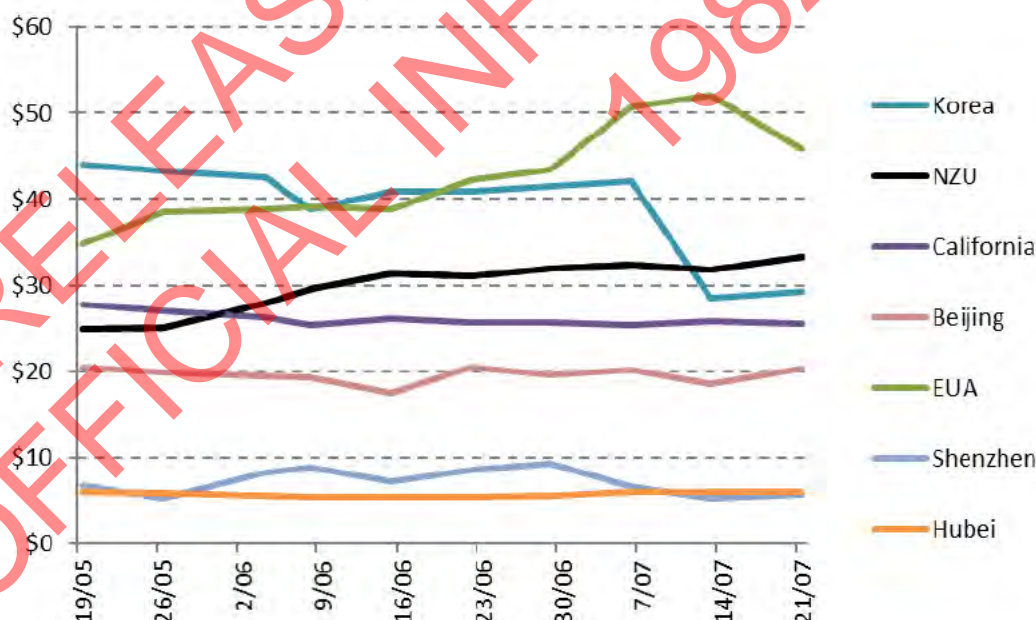
After a minor drop last week (which commentators believe was in response to the announcement of the closure of the Tiwai Point aluminium smelter), the NZU price resumed its previous upward trend, seeing a four percent increase to \$33.25 on Tuesday. However, the volume of units being traded at this level remains low, with current NZU holders appearing reluctant to sell.

The EU ETS market remains volatile, and dropped from its 14-year high last week of over €30, to close at €26.34 on 21 July. Analysts appear unable to pinpoint a specific reason for the instability, but suggest it may reflect the wider financial market changes, and continued uncertainty about COVID-19.

Table: Current emissions prices

NZU, EUA and California emissions prices (NZD/t CO ₂ e) as at 8 July 2020		
NZU	EUA	California
33.25	45.88	25.58

Chart: Recent trends in international emissions prices



International

3.3. International climate change statements

The UK has released a leaders level Commonwealth Statement on COVID-19. This included a paragraph on climate change, which MFAT contributed towards. MFAT is also helping draft a Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) joint statement for a High-Level Open Debate of the UN Security Council on “Climate and Security” which Germany is convening on Friday 24 July. While drafting continues, it will likely have a strong Small Island Developing States (SIDS) focus and reference the need for mitigation and adaptation efforts to be mainstreamed through the COVID-19 economic recovery to prevent climate-related security risks.

3.4. Enshrining climate change action in the French Republic

France’s environmental agenda is expected to take centre stage in coming months. Following the conclusions of the Climate Citizens Convention – an assembly of 150 randomly selected citizens tasked with advising the Government on measures to increase the level of climate ambition in a spirit of inclusiveness – President Macron has agreed to start a constitutional revision process to enshrine the fight against climate change and protection of biodiversity as defining features of the French Republic. Prime Minister Jean Castex foreshadowed some of the first measures that will be legislated on, such as a moratorium on shopping malls in rural areas to preserve agricultural land, additional regulation to limit the promotion of environmentally harmful goods and measures to support the uptake of trains and bicycles as alternatives to fossil-fuelled transportation.

3.5. California successfully defends Department of Justice lawsuit against cap-and-trade programme’s link with Québec

A Federal Judge has ruled in favour of the State of California in a lawsuit brought by the US Department of Justice (DOJ).

The DOJ had sought that the linking agreement between California and Québec’s cap-and-trade schemes be deemed invalid on the grounds that, amongst other things, California was pursuing foreign policy that was rightly the domain of the Federal Government to negotiate. The Judge disagreed, stating that the DOJ could not show how the linkage has interfered with either the US negotiations for a “better deal” or its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. All four claims brought by the DOJ in the case have now been settled in California’s favour.

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4. Upcoming key events/announcements

4.1. Public release of National Climate Change Risk Assessment (31 July TBC)

5. Upcoming briefings

Papers for week ending 31 July

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
9(2)(f)(iv)			
2020-B-06991	Ministerial subgroup decision: Deforestation exemption for Ngāi Tahu Farming Ltd under section 60 of the Climate Change Response Act 2002	MPI	The paper seeks approval to make an exemption for deforestation by Ngāi Tahu (as set out in 2020-B-06829), and to communicate this decision to the applicant. Final approval from LEG to make an Order in Council will be sought after the election. The briefing follows Cabinet's June 2020 decision to delegate authority to make exemptions under section 60 to a subgroup of Ministers for a limited time.
2020-B-06992	Ministerial subgroup decision: Christchurch City Council exemption from deforestation activity under section 60 of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (last week's update noted this briefing was covering one or two small deforestation cases)	MPI	The paper seeks approval to make an Order in Council to grant an exemption to Christchurch City Council for deforestation, and to communicate this decision to the applicant. Final approval from LEG to make an Order in Council will be sought after the election. The briefing follows Cabinet's June 2020 decision to delegate authority to make exemptions under section 60 to a subgroup of Ministers for a limited time.
2020-B-06935	Market Governance Work Programme	MfE	Briefing note confirming the resumption of the Market Governance work programme outlining objectives, scope and high-level timeline.

Papers for week ending 7 August

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06934	Approval of Gazette notices for industrial allocation data collection	MfE	Asks for your approval of four notices to be submitted in the NZ Gazette. The notices call for data from a selection of industries who receive industrial allocation.

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-07037	Key Points from Publication of NZ ETS Annual Reports 2019	MfE	This briefing provides information on key issues in reports to be published by the Environmental Protection Authority on Thursday 13 August. The annual reports provide information on the synthetic greenhouse gas (SGG) levy, and allocations, removals, emissions, and surrenders in the NZ ETS. The reports cover various reporting periods and some are a statutory requirement of the Climate Change Response Act 2002.
2020-B-07042	Adaptation work programme	MfE	Provides you with a detailed work programme that reflects our strategy conversations.

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6. Cabinet material being prepared for you

Paper number	Paper name	Committee	Description	Timeframes
2020-C-06808	NZ ETS settings regulations	LEG – Legislation	This Cabinet paper seeks approval to set the NZ ETS settings regulations under the Climate Change Response Act.	LEG: 28-Jul-20 Cabinet: 03-Aug-20
2020-C-06841	Proceeds from the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	Responds to the ENV inserted recommendation to report back on NZ ETS accounting and possible uses of cash from emission unit auctions	Cabinet: 27-Jul-20
2020-C-06595	Report back to DEV on climate-related financial disclosures	DEV - Economic Development	This Cabinet paper will present final policy recommendations to DEV, seeking agreement to issue drafting instructions to PCO.	DEV: 29-Jul-20 Cabinet: 03-Aug-20
2020-C-06764	New Zealand's Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	This paper seeks Cabinet approval for New Zealand's Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy (LT-LEDS), 9(2)(g)(i)	9(2)(f)(iv)
2020-C-06947	Request for additional funding for Climate Change Commission	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	This Cabinet Paper seeks approval for additional funding for the Climate Change Commission to carry out recently requested work (methane and NDC) and meet its additional responsibilities under the ETR amendment bill. These require additional resourcing as they were not part of the original work programme.	Lodge: 30-Jul-20 ENV: 6-Aug-20 Cabinet: 10-Aug-20
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2020-C-06814	Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levy Amendment Regulations 2020	CBC – Cabinet Business Committee	LEG paper to update the synthetic greenhouse gas levy rates by amending the Climate Change (Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levies) Regulations 2013.	Lodge: 20-Aug-20 CBC: 24-Aug-20 Cabinet: 7-Sep-20

7. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
9(2)(f)(iv)	MoT	DEV - Economic Development Committee	9(2)(f)(iv)

Climate Implications of Policy Assessments (CIPA)

The CIPA requirement came into force on 1 November 2019. The following table sets out current CIPAs that we are working with agencies on, where the CIPA requirements apply.

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the GHG analysis
Government Response to the Rethinking Plastics Report and update on key projects	MfE	ENV	The CIPA requirements do not apply to this proposal as there is no direct emissions impact. Some of the recommendations made in the Rethinking Plastics Report are likely to have emissions implications if the Government agrees to them, particularly those that relate to issues in the wider waste sector. The emissions implications of specific proposals will be assessed in more detail as they are advanced.
Request for additional funding for the Climate Change Commission	MfE	ENV	The CIPA requirements do not apply to this proposal as there is no direct impact on emissions. This proposal may have an indirect impact on emissions as it will help the Commission to provide high-quality and timely advice that will better support the New Zealand Government in considering emissions and implementing emissions reduction policies.

8. OIA requests

8.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Reference	Drafting agency	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
I request, under the Official Information Act, advice and analysis provided to your office by the Ministry for the Environment between 1 December 2019 and 31 January 2020, regarding: -the potential effects on greenhouse gas emissions of the "feebate" Clean Car Discount proposal, and -the modelling used to estimate the feebate proposal.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-O-01317 James Shaw	MfE	Thu 06 Aug	Thu 13 Aug

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8.2. Ministry for the Environment OIAs

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Reference	Drafting agency	Date due to send
Any information on how much the current government's #globalwarming strategies will reduce the pace of global warming if fully implemented	9(2)(a)		20-D-01212	MfE	Mon 27 Jul

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Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Reference	Drafting agency	Date due to send
<p>I would like to make a request under the Official Information Act 1982. The information requested is listed below, and is to be used for research purposes. If there is any way of processing these documents urgently that would be much appreciated.</p> <p>(1) Individual written submissions from the following organisations on the 2011 ETS Consultation (https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/climate-change/ets-review-2011-summary-submissions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballance Agri-Nutrients • Beef + Lamb NZ • Dairy NZ • Federated Farmers • Fertiliser Association NZ • Fonterra • Forest & Bird • Greenpeace NZ • Horticulture NZ • Local Government NZ • NZ Steel • Transpower <p>(2) Individual written submissions from the following organisations on the 'Gazetting New Zealand's 2050 Emissions Target Minister's Position Paper' (https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/gazetting-new-zealands-2050-emissions-target-ministers-position-paper/gazetting-new#:~:text=A%2050%20per%20cent%20reduction%20of%20net%20greenhouse%20gases%20from,can%20plan%20and%20invest%20accordingly.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef + Lamb NZ • Dairy NZ • Federated Farmers • Fonterra • Greenhouse Policy Coalition • Greenpeace Aotearoa New Zealand Inc • NZ Steel 	9(2)(a)		20-D-01209	MfE	Tue 28 Jul

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Reference	Drafting agency	Date due to send
Any information on by how much will this program will reduce the pace of global warming?	9(2)(a)		20-D-01289 Departmental	MfE	Fri 31 July
I'm requesting under the Official Information Act copies of any advice or estimates (including Climate Impact Assessments) supplied to Cabinet or the Climate Change Minister regarding the potential impact of post-Covid recovery spending and projects (including policies and legislation to aid the recovery) on New Zealand's emissions.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-01224 Departmental	MfE	Wed 29 July
<p>This is a request for the following information under the terms of the Official Information Act.</p> <p>- What was the agency's total greenhouse gas footprint in the most recent year in which records exist (if such records exist)? Please provide a breakdown of those emissions if they are available.</p> <p>- Does the agency have a policy of requiring employees and/or contractors to offset work-related emissions, eg domestic or international flights?</p> <p>- Does the agency have an emissions reduction plan, or emissions reduction targets, either in place or in development? If so, please provide details of the plan and/or targets.</p> <p>Please let me know if I can clarify or refine my request.</p> <p>This information will be used in a report on emissions policies within the state sector.</p>	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-01264 Departmental	MfE	Tue 04 Aug
Please provide all advice provided to Ministers in relation to the Manapouri Power Scheme, national grid upgrades and Tiwai Smelter.	9(2)(a)		20-D-01284 Departmental	MfE	Thu 06 Aug
Could you please provide copies of all documents (including but not limited to emails, filenotes, internal analysis, discussion documents, briefings) that the Ministry for the Environment has provided regarding the climate impacts of roading, in relation to the Covid-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Bill?	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-01000	MfE	Thu 06 Aug

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8.3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade OIAs

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