

Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 28 May for the week commencing 1 June

No MfE officials' meeting this week

Upcoming meetings 1 - 12 June

Wednesday, 3 June	Final Prep-Session 'ETR Committee Stage' Prime Minister and the Farmers Leadership Group
Friday, 5 June	Estimates Hearing - Vote Environment (Climate Change Appropriations) - Prep Session #1
Monday, 8 June	MFAT Officials Meeting MfE Officials Meeting
Tuesday, 9 June	Meeting with Canadian Counterpart - Jonathan Wilkinson Electricity Retailers' Association Board Meeting Community Resilience Group Ministers' Meeting
Wednesday, 10 June	GENLESS - Digital Conference 'Next Steps to Net Zero' Young IPWEA Inspiring Speaker Series 2020 'Sustainable Infrastructure'
Thursday, 11 June	MfE Officials: Monthly Climate Change Adaptation Dinner with Tavendale and Partners Limited Stakeholder Event (with Duncan Webb, MP)
Friday, 12 June	Estimates Hearing - Vote Environment (Climate Change Appropriations) - Prep Session #2

1. Key decisions for you to make this week

1.1. Proactive release of NZ ETS Cabinet papers

NZ ETS announcements are expected to be made on 2 June. To support these announcements, the Ministry will proactively release the associated Cabinet papers and advice. On 25 May you approved the proactive release of two of these Cabinet papers [2020-B-06768 refers].

We request your approval to also proactively release *Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Reform) Amendment Bill: Policy Approvals* and the associated Minute. This paper covers policy decisions for a set of further amendments to the ETR Bill to be implemented by a supplementary order paper. Note that we have provided these documents to your Office for review. We consider the release of these papers to be low risk as the content of the papers will be covered in the announcements.

Agree to proactively release the Cabinet paper noted above on June 2
Yes / No

2. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

2.1. Emissions Trading Reform Bill – Environment Select Committee request for evidence on a Fifty Shades of Green Petition

The chair of the Environment Select Committee has sent a letter to the Chief Executives of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) requesting that they provide the committee with evidence on a petition from Fifty Shades of Green.

The petition from Kerry Worsnop (Fifty Shades of Green) requests that the House of Representatives does not support any provisions in the Emissions Trading Reform Bill that would incentivise large-scale afforestation of farm land. There were 11,000 people that signed the petition and it is available on the Fifty Shades of Green website.

The concerns raised in the petition relate to common issues raised by Fifty Shades of Green, such as:

- the loss of productive farm land to forestry, particularly permanent carbon forests;
- the lack of wider economic benefits from forestry relative to sheep and beef farming, such as local employment and spending; and
- the negative environmental impacts of forestry, such as sediment run-off, and the fire risks associated with large-scale pine conversions.

The chair has requested that evidence be provided to the Select Committee by 15 June 2020. MPI and MfE will work together to provide a joint response and will keep Ministers' offices updated. Once the evidence is presented to the committee, it will become publically available.

This issue is being explored in an existing work programme. Cabinet has directed MPI and MfE to explore whether there is a need to place restrictions on exotic forestry being planted on productive land. Agencies are currently preparing a briefing to Ministers on this issue.

2.2. New Zealand and international emissions prices

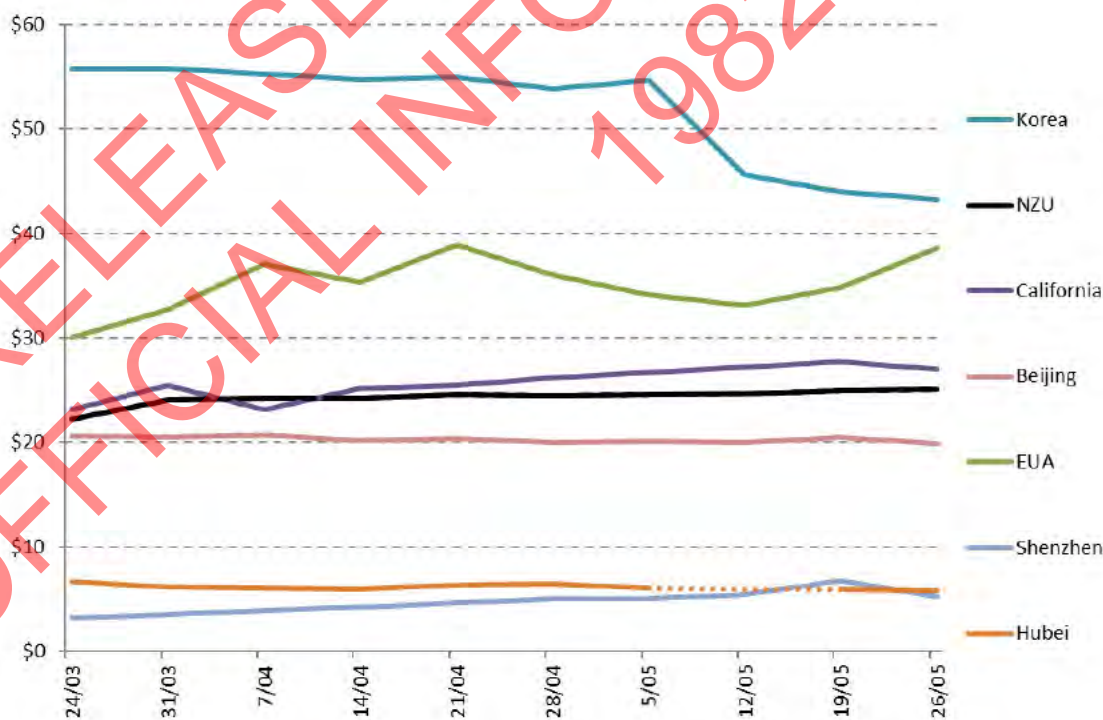
With NZ ETS emissions surrenders due at the end of this week, the NZU price rose just above the fixed price option to \$25.05 on Monday.

The EUA market rose again this week, but analysts note that the economic impacts of COVID-19 are likely to remain a key factor impacting the market. Prices are unlikely to be consistent due to the significant and ongoing uncertainties present in the EU ETS market.

Table: Current emissions prices

NZU, EUA and California emissions prices (NZD/t CO ₂ e) as at 29 April 2020		
NZU	EUA	California
25.05	38.57	27.03

Chart: Recent trends in international emissions prices



International

2.3. China – Annual ‘Report on the Work of the Government’

China’s National People’s Congress (NPC) kicked off its delayed and truncated annual plenary session on 22 May, with Premier Li Keqiang delivering the ‘Report on the Work of the Government’. Delivery of the report is a key event in the government’s annual calendar, framing-up past achievements and identifying targets and priorities for the year ahead. This year’s report acknowledges the impact that COVID-19 has had on China, both domestically and on the international environment China finds itself in. There was a re-assertion that core policy objectives would be met, including: the “the three critical battles” first identified in 2017 (waged against poverty, financial risk and pollution); and the first of two centennial goals (the achievement of a “moderately well-off” society, with all lifted out of poverty). While devoid of specific references to climate change, the report noted environmental protection and pollution control/reduction would be achieved in a “law-based, scientific and targeted way”. Though with a nod towards climate change objectives, the report did indicate that China would seek a “further drop in energy consumption per unit of GDP”.

2.4. OECD Ministerial Council Meeting (MCM)

Covid-19 means this year’s OECD Ministerial Council Meeting (MCM) will be held virtually. The MCM chair (Spain) has proposed that the ‘virtual MCM’ take the form of a series of short minister-level preparatory meetings leading to the MCM proper, held over two short sessions on consecutive days in late October. The overall MCM theme – still to be agreed by Council – is proposed as “Economic Recovery: Strong, Resilient, Green and Inclusive”. The first Ministerial Council Roundtable (MCR) is proposed for Wednesday 10 June, timed to support the release of the OECD’s flagship Economic Outlook on the same day. That MCR will focus on the Outlook’s key findings, with ministers exchanging views on the effect of Covid-19 responses on their economies and policy priorities to help the recovery. As a Vice-Chair, New Zealand will be given a distinct speaking role.

3. Upcoming key events/announcements involving MfE/MFAT

3.1. ETS announcement (2 June)

3.2. NCCRA announcement

4. Upcoming briefings

Papers for week ending 5 June

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06782	New Zealand's first National Climate Change Risk Assessment: release and initial government response	MfE	This provides you with the final NCCRA report and introduces the draft Cabinet Paper on New Zealand's first National Climate Change Risk Assessment: release

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
			and initial government response for your review.
2020-B-06810	Final Cabinet paper for ministerial consultation - Report back on the Climate Implications of Policy Assessment framework	MfE	This briefing provides you with a final version of the Report back on the Climate Implications of Policy Assessment framework Cabinet paper for ministerial consultation.
2020-B-06539	Climate related financial disclosures policy options	MfE	The purpose of this briefing is to identify policy options for implementing a mandatory (comply-or-explain) climate-related financial reporting regime, and seek your decision on your preference.
2020-B-06817	Climate Action Plan – Quarterly report (Jan-March)	MfE	This briefing provides you with the latest quarterly report of the Climate Action Plan which went to the Climate Change CE's board meeting 20 May.

Papers for week ending 12 June

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06503	Adaptation Reporting Power pilots and implementation	MfE	Explains MfE's proposals for pilots, and how those will inform development of policy to implement the Adaptation Reporting Power this year.

5. Cabinet material being prepared for you

Paper number	Paper name	Committee	Description	Timeframes
2020-C-06644	Report back to Cabinet on Climate Impact Policy Assessments	ENV	This paper seeks Cabinet approval to lower the CIPA threshold and update the Cabinet Office circular.	Lodge: 18-Jun-20 ENV: 25-Jun-20 Cabinet: 29-Jun-20
2020-C-06757	Delegating the power to make certain forestry-related decisions to a subgroup of Ministers for up to 12 months over the COVID-19 response period	ENV	This paper seeks agreement from Cabinet to delegate its authority to approve certain forestry-related applications made under the Climate Change Response Act 2002 to a subgroup of Ministers for a limited period. This will free-up Cabinet's workload over the COVID-19 response period whilst ensuring applicants receive decisions in a reasonable timeframe.	Lodge: 18-Jun-20 ENV: 25-Jun-20 Cabinet: 29-Jun-20

Paper number	Paper name	Committee	Description	Timeframes
2020-C-06404	Initial response to New Zealand's first National Climate Change Risk Assessment.	DEV - Economic Development	This paper provides Cabinet with the final National Climate Change Risk Assessment report.	Lodge: 25-Jun-20 DEV: 1-Jul-20 Cabinet: 6-Jul-20
2020-C-06741	New Zealand's first National Climate Change Risk Assessment: release and 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.	Lodge: 25-Jun-20 Committee: 1-Jul-20 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. Note timing for seeking decisions is currently under discussion.	Lodge: Jun/Jul TBC DEV: July TBC Cabinet: July TBC
2020-C-06764	New Zealand's Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy	ENV	This paper seeks Cabinet approval for New Zealand's Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy (LT-LEDS), which needs to be s 9(2)(g)(i)	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

6. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
The Clean Car Standard	MoT	DEV	<p>The Clean Car Standard Cabinet paper proposes to set CO₂ targets for all new and used light vehicles imported into New Zealand. The targets would be averaged across vehicle fleets and strengthened every year.</p> <p>MfE is very supportive of this policy and see it as being the main driver for reducing emissions in our passenger fleet. We have been working with MoT to support and improve the paper. Key points for you to be aware of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9(2)(f)(iv)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We think that the CBA understates the impacts of the policy being proposed and doesn't capture the full benefit of this paper.
Proposals for a more effective waste levy	MfE	ENV	Comments were provided to your office by email on 26 May

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
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			

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7. OIA requests

7.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Drafting agency	Due at your office/ current status	Date due to send
<p>This is to request under the Official Information Act 1982 a copy of all correspondence, memoranda, filenotes, briefings and other documents from 15 March 2020 to 15 April 2020 held by your Office regarding:</p> <p>(1) advice, correspondence & decisions relating to proposed changes to legislation intended to speed up and implement infrastructure and development projects in response to COVID-19, including but not limited to consideration of maintaining environmental safeguards and community and iwi consultation.</p> <p>(2) advice, correspondence & decisions relating to the identification and funding of shovel ready projects, including the establishment of the infrastructure group</p> <p>(3) advice, correspondence and decisions to delay the introduction of national direction, policy, and environmental regulations in light of COVID-19 considerations.</p> <p>(4) how the three above processes relate to Government commitments to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. apply a 'climate lens' to these COVID-19 response decisions as per the Government's announcement of 4 December 2019 "Climate change lens on major Government decisions" and pursuant to the Zero Carbon Act; b. the proposed national direction on freshwater, highly productive land and urban development and transport; and <p>Māori consultation, both with Iwi & Hapu, and Māori development.</p>	9(2)(a)	OIA319	MfE	7 May 2020	11 June 2020

7.2. Ministry for the Environment OIAs

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Reference	Drafting agency	Date due to send
Dear MfE_x000D_ I'm requesting under the Official Information Act, all memos and advice - including preliminary advice - provided by the Ministry for the Environment regarding the adequacy of New Zealand's Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement, including whether the NDC is compatible with a 1.5C temperature goal._x000D_ Please contact me if you have any questions.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-00698	MfE	8 June 2020
We request the documents provided in response to the OIA Request 18-D-01858, see the attached document for reference.	9(2)(a)		20-D-00787	MfE	16 June 2020
Pursuant to the Official Information Act can you please provide me with all documents relevant to the decision by the New Zealand Government to provide the attached update its Nationally Determined Contribution under the UNFCC Paris Agreement dated 22 April.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-00657	MfE	19 June 2020 (extended)

7.3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade OIAs

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Date due to send
I'm requesting under the Official Information Act, all memos, emails, discussions and advice regarding changes in migration patterns to New Zealand as a result of climate change. Please include any discussion of the possibility of increased migration from Australia and the Pacific Islands. I am interested in both voluntary or unforced migration, and refugees.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	10 June 2020



Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 4 June for the week commencing 8 June

Date: 8 June
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
Lindy Fursman, Chief Advisor, Climate Change
Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
Mark Storey, Acting Director, Climate Change

For item 2: Emma Corbett, Manager, Climate Change

For item 3: Fiona Newlove, Manager, Climate Change

For item 5: Alex White, Acting Manager, Sustainable Finance

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	Context	Anne Haira	10 min
2	National Climate Change Risk Assessment (NCCRA) <u>What we need from you:</u> Discussion to address any initial questions you have on the NCCRA	Emma Corbett	10 min
3	National Climate Change Risk Assessment – initial government response <u>What we need from you:</u> Discussion ahead of your meeting with Community Resilience Group Ministers on 9 June	Fiona Newlove	10 min
4	Long-term Low Emissions Development Strategy <u>What we need from you:</u> Feedback on draft strategy	Lindy Fursman	7 min
5	Climate-related financial disclosures <u>What we need from you:</u> Feedback on briefing paper	Alex White	7 min

Upcoming meetings 8 - 19 June

Monday, 8 June	MFAT Officials Meeting MfE Officials Meeting
Tuesday, 9 June	Electricity Retailers' Association Board Meeting Community Resilience Ministers Meeting (Ministers' Henare, Robertson, Sage, Faafoi, Williams) ZOOM: 'Connecting about the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance' with David Tong (Kay Harrison)
Wednesday, 10 June	GENLESS - Digital Conference 'Next Steps to Net Zero' Young IPWEA Inspiring Speaker Series 2020 'Sustainable Infrastructure
Thursday, 11 June	ZOOM: James Palmer, CE, Hawke's Bay Regional Council - Update Coastal Hazards Strategy MfE Officials: Monthly Climate Change Adaptation (TBC) Dinner with Tavendale and Partners Limited Stakeholder Event (with Duncan Webb, MP)
Friday, 12 June	Estimates Hearing - Vote Environment (Climate Change Appropriations) - Prep Session #2
Monday, 15 June	MfE Officials Meeting MFAT Officials Meeting
Tuesday, 16 June	SPEAK: NZACCC 2020 'Staying on the Course - Towards a low emissions future' Environment Select Committee - Pre: Estimates Hearing Michael Ahie, Chair - He Waka Eke Noa Chair (with Hon O'Connor) - update on Work Programme + Funding
Wednesday, 17 June	Estimates Hearing - Vote Environment (Climate Change Appropriations) - Prep Session #3 (Final)
Thursday, 18 June	Forestry Ministers Meeting Vote Environment - Estimates Hearing for the Climate Change Appropriations (Environment Select Committee)

1. Key decisions for you to make this week

- To circulate the draft cabinet paper on the *National Climate Change Risk Assessment – public release and initial Government response* to Community Resilience Group Ministers by Monday 8 June (and ideally on Friday 5 June) for discussion on Tuesday 9 June.
- To circulate the draft cabinet the *National Climate Change Risk Assessment – public release and initial Government response* for Ministerial consultation by Thursday 11 June once we have addressed any feedback from your meeting with Community Resilience Group Ministers.

2. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

2.1. New Zealand and international emissions prices

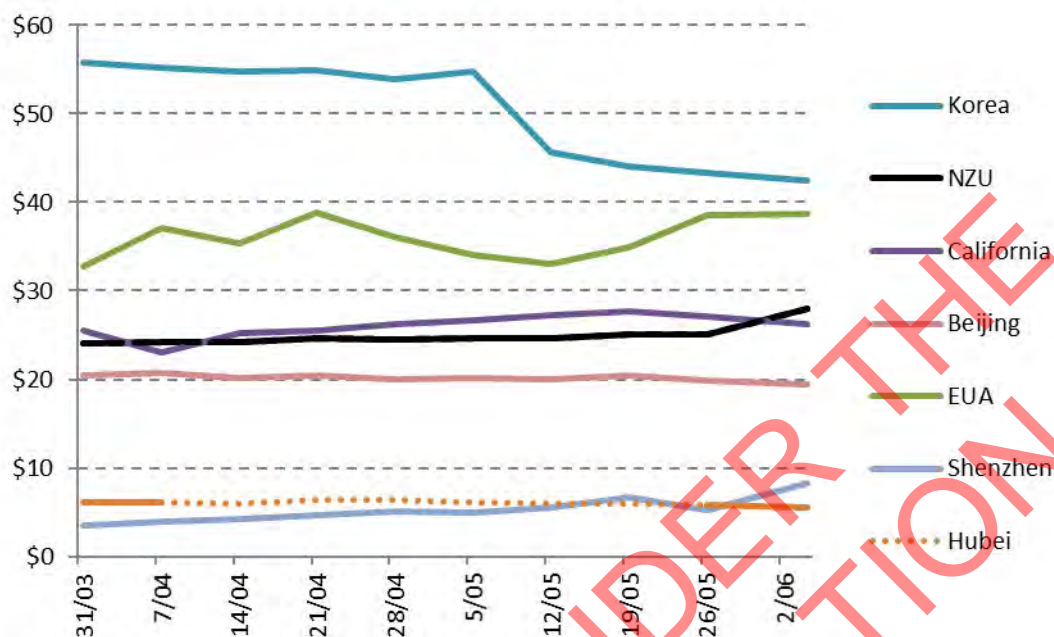
NZUs increased to their highest levels in three months after the announcement of changes to the fixed price option for 2020 surrenders and the provisional NZ ETS settings. The spot price closed on Tuesday at \$26 on light NZU volume trading. Commentators expect further price movement as the market digests the announcements and the Emissions Trading Reform Amendment Bill nears completion of its passage through Parliament. The NZU price reached \$28 on 4 June 2020.

Prices in the EU ETS also jumped slightly this week, on moderate activity in the market. In California and Quebec, however, allowance prices fell on historically weak demand in its emissions trading scheme. For the first time in over three years, the WCI Q1 auction failed to sell out the California Carbon Allowances that were made available. With allowances continuing to be traded close to that jurisdiction's price floor, commentators see the lingering impact of COVID-19 impacting the California and Quebec markets.

Table: Current emissions prices

NZU, EUA and California emissions prices (NZD/t CO ₂ e) as at 4 June 2020		
NZU	EUA	California
28.00	38.74	26.22

Chart: Recent trends in international emissions prices



2.2. Update from He Waka Eke Noa Steering Group

The latest He Waka Eke Noa Steering Group meeting was held on 26 May via Zoom. You are also scheduled to meet with Michael Ahie, Independent Chair of the He Waka Eke Noa Steering Group, on 16 June.

Ahead of your meeting with Michael Ahie, the Programme Office has provided the following updates on recent Steering Group discussions:

- ‘Te Aukaha’, the Māori Agribusiness programme for He Waka Eke Noa**
The Steering Group acknowledges the considerable amount of work undertaken by the Federation of Māori Authorities (FOMA) in developing ‘Te Aukaha’. Funding for this programme will be worked through as part of the wider He Waka Eke Noa programme budget discussions.
- The 20/21 financial year programme budget**
There is a commitment to resourcing the He Waka Eke Noa programme for success. The 20/21 financial year programme budget will highlight where activities will be delivered in-kind (ie, through a redirection of existing resources, both people and programmes) and where additional investment is needed.
- Communications and engagement strategy**
An effective communications and engagement strategy is being developed with the input of all partner organisations. It will leverage existing activities and support the direct involvement of farmers and growers and other technical expertise in the development of policy and tools.
- Workstream updates**
Workstreams are on track to deliver the three key outputs for the programme this calendar year:

 - (1) guidance for farm plans on how to manage greenhouse gas emissions,
 - (2) an accepted set of methodologies and definitions to underpin tools for farmers to calculate their on farm emissions and

(3) a shortlist of policy options to price emissions and incentivise on-farm carbon sequestration from sources that do not currently qualify under the NZ ETS. Workstreams on innovation and uptake, extension and supporting early action are in the early stages of being established.

2.3. Preliminary NZ ETS emissions surrenders, use of the FPO and the stockpile **[Commercial in Confidence]**

2019 emissions surrender obligations were rolled over to 2 June 2020 because 31 May was not a working day. Approximately 39 Mt of emissions obligations were payable in total. Initial figures show that approximately 8 Mt of obligations were met using the \$25 fixed price option (FPO), rather than surrendering NZUs (20 per cent). This in comparison to 50 per cent usage of the FPO in 2019.

Some assessments around why FPO usage may have lowered from last year are based on the current COVID-19 economic circumstances, and a greater reluctance for businesses to front-up cash to meet obligations if they already had NZUs available. This would have been emphasised by the fact that NZUs have been staying around the \$25 mark, so were of virtually the same value at the time of surrender, and the significant uncertainty about what impact the economic downturn and the NZ ETS reforms may have on NZU prices. Additionally, NZU prices were below \$25 for several weeks over March and April, enabling people to purchase NZUs at a lower rate than the FPO.

Surrender of units rather than use of the FPO has a positive impact on reducing the currently large NZ ETS stockpile. After emissions surrenders in 2019 were met, the stockpile was approximately 130m. Initial 2020 estimates, based on an estimated in-flow of units to the scheme over the last year of 20m units (made up of free allocation and forestry), minus the surrender of 31m units, will have reduced the stockpile by a net total of 11m, drawing it down to approximately 119m NZUs.

As of 4 June, there were six participants with outstanding obligations, worth approximately 95,000 units. Four of these participants have gone in to liquidation so are not expected to complete the surrenders (approximately 59,000 units).

International

2.4. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) carbon offsetting and reduction scheme: proposed change

In 2013, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) set a global aspirational goal to achieve carbon neutral growth in the international aviation sector from 2020. In 2016, ICAO agreed a global market-based measure for reducing and offsetting carbon emissions from international aviation, the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA). Under CORSIA, aeroplane operators offset the increase in emissions above a baseline emissions level from international flights. The baseline emissions level is defined as the average between emissions in 2019 and 2020.

The COVID-19 crisis has significantly reduced global aviation traffic. As the current CORSIA requirements call for 2020 emissions to be used in determining the baseline emissions level, the reduction in aviation traffic means that the 2020 emissions are now likely to be significantly lower than originally projected. Depending on how and when the international aviation sector recovers,

aeroplane operators' future CORSIA offsetting costs could be much higher, or lower, than originally anticipated.

The International Air Transport Association, an international airline trade association, is concerned that if CORSIA offsetting cost impacts are higher than forecast, member States may become less inclined to participate in CORSIA. The International Air Transport Association is now seeking support from States for a proposal that only 2019 emissions be used to establish the baseline emissions level for CORSIA. The International Air Transport Association's proposal will be considered by the ICAO Council during its 220th session from 8-26 June 2020. Officials are developing advice and consulting with other countries.

2.5. New Chief Executive Officer for the Global Environment Facility

Global Environment Facility (GEF) Council members have unanimously selected Costa Rican Environment and Energy Minister Carlos Rodriguez as the next GEF CEO. Our soundings leading into the meeting had US national Elizabeth Littlefield out in front for many Council heavyweights but the numbers ultimately fell Rodriguez's way and the Council's appetite for consensus decisions prevailed.

Rodriguez brings profile, political heft, and deep environmental experience to the GEF. He'll need a strong deputy to manage the operational details and is himself likely to focus externally on building partnerships, and increasing the donor base and GEF finances as the next replenishment approaches in 2021/22.

The selection is expected to be approved at the 58th regular GEF Council the week of 3 June, in which officials will participate virtually. Separately, you will shortly receive a briefing from trade officials recommending a call with Rodriguez to promote the Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability (ACCTS). This will include talking points on Rodriguez's GEF appointment.

2.6. European Commission releases long awaited "Farm to Fork Strategy" (F2F)

The European Commission has published its long awaited "Farm to Fork Strategy", which attempts to build a food chain that works for consumers, producers, the climate and the environment. It claims to cover the whole value chain and aims to simultaneously: ensure food production, distribution and consumption have a neutral or positive environmental impact; ensure food security, nutrition and public health; and preserve the affordability of food while generating fairer economic returns for farmers. While many of the proposals and initiatives are not new, it attempts to cover the waterfront in terms of the expectations of EU citizens, many of which were evident in the EU parliamentary elections last year.

From New Zealand's perspective there are many objectives that resonate, and there are likely to be opportunities to work together with the EU on a number of them. At the same time it is largely more of the same. With the exception of some proposed redirection of funds towards environmental objectives (those "who deliver on the green ambition"), it does not question or challenge the fundamentals of the Common Agricultural Policy and its billions of Euros of subsidies to farmers, which have been shown – including in some Commission reports – to have negative environmental effects. It is also quite inward looking and it is likely that some initiatives could make it more difficult for our exporters as they are implemented over coming years.

2.7. EU-NZ FTA Update

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3. Upcoming key events/announcements involving MfE/MFAT

3.1. Third reading of the ETR Bill (16 June)

3.2. Public release of National Climate Change Risk Assessment

4. Upcoming briefings

Papers for week ending 12 June

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06821	Approval for Drafting the Annual Update to the Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levy Rates	MfE	Approval sought to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to update levy rate in the Climate Change (Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levies) Regulations 2013. The Minister for Climate Change has an existing authority for drafting of these amendments without consideration by Cabinet. The levy rate changes are based on a calculation methodology already agreed by Cabinet.
2020-B-06840	Talking points for ENV on 25 June re delegating power for s60 and s60A exemptions	MPI	Provides talking points to support ENV on 25 June for the paper seeking approval to delegate power to make certain forestry-related decisions to a subgroup of Ministers (2020-C-06757)

Papers for week ending 19 June

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06779	Process to appoint interim auction monitor for the NZ ETS	MfE	Advise on the process to appoint an interim auction monitor for the NZ ETS due to the postponement of the full regulatory process.

5. Cabinet material being prepared for you

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2020-C-06757	Delegating the power to make certain forestry-related decisions to a subgroup of Ministers for up to 12 months over the COVID-19 response period	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	This paper seeks agreement from Cabinet to delegate its authority to approve certain forestry-related applications made under the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (CCRA) to a subgroup of Ministers for a limited period.	Lodge: 18-Jun-20 ENV: 25-Jun-20 Cabinet: 29-Jun-20
2020-C-06644	Report back to Cabinet on Climate Impact Policy Assessments	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	This paper seeks Cabinet approval to lower the CIPA threshold and update the Cabinet Office circular.	Lodge: 18-Jun-20 ENV: 25-Jun-20 Cabinet: 29-Jun-20
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.	Lodge: 25-Jun-20 DEV: 1-Jul-20 Cabinet: 6-Jul-20
2020-C-06841	Accounting for the sale of emission units	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	Lodge: 16-Jul-20 ENV: 23-Jul-20 Cabinet: 27-Jul-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), which needs to be submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2020.	Lodge: 16-Jul-20 ENV: 23-Jul-20 Cabinet: 27-Jul-20
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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: 25-Jul-20 DEV: 1-Jul-20 Cabinet: 6-Jul-20
2020-C-06814	Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levy Amendment Regulations 2020	LEG	LEG paper to update the synthetic greenhouse gas levy rates by amending the Climate Change (Synthetic	Lodge: 30-Jul-20 LEG: 4-Aug-20

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Paper number	Paper name	Committee	Description	Timeframes
			Greenhouse Gas Levies) Regulations 2013.	Cabinet :10-Aug-20
2020-C-06809	Setting regulations for auctioning in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	LEG	This paper seeks approval to set the rules for auctioning in the NZ ETS as regulations under the Climate Change Response Act.	Lodge: 31-Jul-20 LEG: 4-Aug-20 Cabinet: 8-Aug-20
2020-C-06808	NZ ETS settings regulations	LEG	This Cabinet paper seeks approval to set the NZ ETS settings regulations under the Climate Change Response Act.	Lodge: 31-Jul-20 LEG: 4-Aug-20 Cabinet: 8-Aug-20

6. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
Proposed Government Response to the Public Inquiry into the Earthquake Commission	Tsy	DEV 29 June	<p>This paper seeks agreement to the proposed Government response to the report and recommendations of the Public Inquiry into the Earthquake Commission (EQC).</p> <p>Three of the 70 recommendations are relevant to MfE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1.2 – Clarify expectations with EQC about its responsibility in land-use planning before, and for the coordination of land remediation after, a natural disaster 6.4.1 – Consider changes to relevant legislation to enable greater availability and use of information about land and its stability to inform land-use decision making and current and prospective property owners through appropriate public information sources (note that this could include improvements to the use of Land Information Memoranda (LIMs), and 6.4.2 – Consider granting EQC standing to appear in formal land-use planning hearings. <p>The Ministry supports acceptance of recommendation 1.1.2, and acceptance in principle of recommendations 6.4.1 and 6.4.2 with further consideration of the mechanisms for delivery. The Ministry will work with other relevant agencies to progress these recommendations, including through the Community Resilience Group work programme and as part of the Treasury-led review of the EQC Act. A future work programme to implement any of the accepted recommendations from the current review of the resource management</p>

			system may also provide opportunities for enhancing the role of EQC in land use planning.
Improving resilience to flood risk and supporting the COVID-19 recovery	DIA	DEV 1 July	<p>This paper seeks agreement to a framework to guide the role of central government in strengthening community resilience, with an initial focus on flood risk. It also proposes a suite of actions to improve resilience to flood risk.</p> <p>The paper will accompany the MfE-led paper “National Climate Change Risk Assessment – public release and initial government response” to DEV on 1 July.</p> <p>We are working with DIA to refine the paper and clearly describe how it relates to the NCCRA paper. Our feedback includes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resilience lens must be applied to the consideration of the shovel-ready projects package described to avoid locking in path-dependencies • The paper should clarify timing for the forward work programme proposed and whether this aligns with the local engagement and public consultation process proposed in the NCCRA paper

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
Climate-related financial disclosures	MfE	ENV	<p>The CIPA requirements do not apply to this proposal as the potential emissions impact is indirect and unable to be accurately quantified.</p> <p>Implementation of a climate-related financial disclosure system will likely contribute to an overall reduction in net emissions. This proposal is important in supporting the transition to a low-emissions economy by potentially redirecting investment away from emissions-intensive activities and towards low-emissions investments.</p>
Product stewardship discussion document	MfE	ENV	<p>The CIPA requirements do not apply to this proposal as the threshold for significance is not met. Emissions impacts of policy proposals will be assessed as they are advanced – as appropriate – at a later date.</p>

7. OIA requests

7.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Drafting agency	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
<p>This is to request under the Official Information Act 1982 a copy of all correspondence, memoranda, filenotes, briefings and other documents from 15 March 2020 to 15 April 2020 held by your Office regarding:</p> <p>(1) advice, correspondence & decisions relating to proposed changes to legislation intended to speed up and implement infrastructure and development projects in response to COVID-19, including but not limited to consideration of maintaining environmental safeguards and community and iwi consultation.</p> <p>(2) advice, correspondence & decisions relating to the identification and funding of shovel ready projects, including the establishment of the infrastructure group</p> <p>(3) advice, correspondence and decisions to delay the introduction of national direction, policy, and environmental regulations in light of COVID-19 considerations.</p> <p>(4) how the three above processes relate to Government commitments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. apply a 'climate lens' to these COVID-19 response decisions as per the Government's announcement of 4 December 2019 "Climate change lens on major Government decisions" and pursuant to the Zero Carbon Act;b. the proposed national direction on freshwater, highly productive land and urban development and transport; and <p>Māori consultation, both with Iwi & Hapū, and Māori development.</p>	9(2)(a)	OIA319	MfE	7 May 2020	11 June 2020

7.2. Ministry for the Environment OIAs

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Reference	Drafting agency	Date due to send
We request the documents provided in response to the OIA Request 18-D-01858, see the attached document for reference.	9(2)(a)		20-D-00787	MfE	16 June 2020
Pursuant to the Official Information Act can you please provide me with all documents relevant to the decision by the New Zealand Government to provide the attached update its Nationally Determined Contribution under the UNFCC Paris Agreement dated 22 April.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-00657	MfE	19 June 2020 (extended)
Dear MfE_x000D_ I'm requesting under the Official Information Act, all memos and advice - including preliminary advice - provided by the Ministry for the Environment regarding the adequacy of New Zealand's Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement, including whether the NDC is compatible with a 1.5C temperature goal._x000D_ Please contact me if you have any questions.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-00698	MfE	22 June 2020 (extended)

7.3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade OIAs

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Date due to send
I'm requesting under the Official Information Act, all memos, emails, discussions and advice regarding changes in migration patterns to New Zealand as a result of climate change. Please include any discussion of the possibility of increased migration from Australia and the Pacific Islands. I am interested in both voluntary or unforced migration, and refugees.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	10 June 2020



Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 4 June for the week commencing 8 June

Date: 15 June
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
Lindy Fursman, Chief Advisor, Climate Change
Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
Mark Storey, Acting Director, Climate Change
For item 2: Emma Corbett, Manager Climate Change
Fiona Newlove, Manager Climate Change
For item 3: Alex White, Senior Policy Analyst, Climate Hub

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	Context	Anne Haira	10 min
2	Adaptation programme <i>What we need from you: A discussion on our work programme including what's coming up in next three months</i>	Emma Corbett and Fiona Newlove	10 min
3	Update on Treasury feedback on climate-related financial disclosures regime <i>What we need from you: decisions on including public agencies</i>	Alex White	5 min

Upcoming meetings 15 - 26 June

Monday, 15 June	MfE Officials Meeting MFAT Officials Meeting
Tuesday, 16 June	SPEAK: NZACCC 2020 'Staying on the Course - Towards a low emissions future' (TBC) Michael Ahie, Chair - He Waka Eke Noa Chair (with Hon O'Connor) - update on Work Programme + Funding
Wednesday, 17 June	Estimates Hearing - Vote Environment (Climate Change Appropriations) - Prep Session #3 (Final)
Thursday, 18 June	Three Waters Ministers Meeting Forestry Ministers Meeting Vote Environment - Estimates Hearing for the Climate Change Appropriations (Environment Select Committee)
Monday, 22 June	MfE Officials Meeting MFAT Officials Meeting
Wednesday, 24 June	Minister Jonathan Wilkinson - Canadian Counterpart (Minister of Environment and Climate Change)

1. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

1.1. New Zealand and international emissions prices

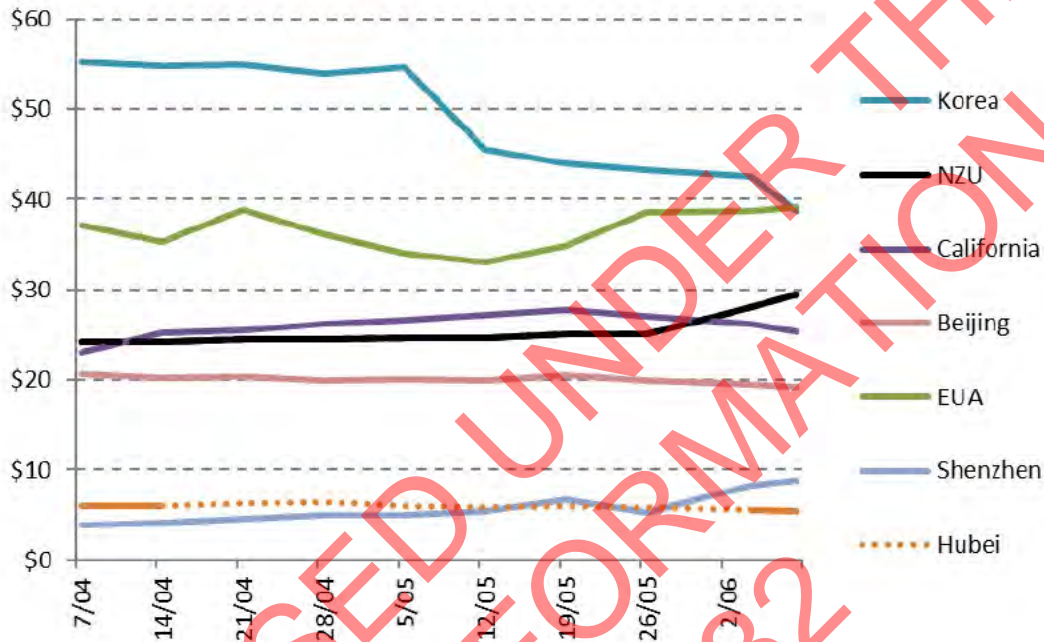
NZUs have continued to increase in price following the announcement of changes to the fixed price option and the provisional NZ ETS settings. On Tuesday, the NZU price passed \$30 and are currently sitting at \$31.40. This is the highest level NZUs have been traded at in the history of the NZ ETS. Commentators note there is little supply being traded at the moment, as market participants look to hold onto their units as prices rise. There is some speculation that prices could continue to increase up to \$35 – the new level of the fixed price option.

9(2)(g)(i)

Table: Current emissions prices

NZU, EUA and California emissions prices (NZD/t CO ₂ e) as at 10 June 2020		
NZU	EUA	California
31.40	39.21	25.42

Chart: Recent trends in international emissions prices



1.2. Smith Climate Litigation

The High Court has released its judgment on the Crown's application to obtain clarification from Mr Smith about the basis or nature of the claims he says the Crown owes, and what actions or omissions that he says the Crown has committed, in relation to climate change. The High Court largely agreed with the Crown that Mr Smith's pleading is too vague for the Crown to respond to in its current form; agreeing that discovery and the briefing of witnesses required by the current claim would be completely unmanageable.

Mr Smith must therefore re-plead his claim, in particular he must specify the:

- precise nature of the duties which he says the Crown owes Māori (and him), including details as to when the duties are said to have arisen, what steps the Crown must take or refrain from taking.
- the particular acts or omissions that he alleges constitute the breach, including details as to the Crown entities that he alleges were, or are, primarily responsible for the act or omission.

1.3. Electricity Authority announces major decision on pricing for national electricity network

The Electricity Authority has issued a new transmission pricing methodology (TPM), the framework determining charges for using the national electricity transmission grid. This decision has taken more than a decade, and remains highly contentious. TPM will enter into force in 2023, though the risk of legal challenge is high.

The new TPM will support decarbonisation, and the electrification of transport and process heat. It will support more investment in renewable energy and 'demand response' such as batteries, including distributed resources in households. This is because TPM adopts more accurate, targeted, and responsive pricing to encourage better use of the grid and reward flexible technology and behaviour that can respond to available electricity supply. Other key pricing changes encourage greater scrutiny of future grid investments, making alternative solutions like distributed renewable energy and batteries more likely.

However, the restructured prices have significant impacts for some major electricity users. In general prices will rise for the Upper North Island and fall for the Lower South Island. The Tiwai Point aluminium smelter will notably benefit from reduced charges; while a range of parties in the Upper North Island remain strongly opposed to the increased charges they face.

9(2)(g)(i)



2. Upcoming key events/announcements involving MfE/MFAT

- 2.1. Third reading of the ETR Bill (16 June)
- 2.2. Public release of National Climate Change Risk Assessment (July, subject to Cabinet approval)

3. Upcoming briefings

Papers for week ending 19 June

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06859	Update on review of industrial allocation	MfE	This briefing seeks your approval of a selection of EITE firms for data gazettal. This will provide an evidence base for the "wider review of industrial allocation". The briefing also sets out timelines and next steps of the wider review.
2020-B-06860	Outline of draft NZ ETS forestry-related work programme 2020-21 for your feedback	MfE	This briefing outlines the scope and timing of proposed forestry-related policy work for the NZ-ETS in 2020/21. This is provided for your reference and feedback.
9(2)(f)(iv)	9(2)(f)(iv)	MPI	9(2)(f)(iv)
2020-B-06747	Decisions on climate change national direction and draft Cabinet paper	MfE	This briefing is to the Minister for the Environment seeking decisions on climate change national direction. It also provides the Minister with a draft Cabinet paper for the July report back on national direction. We will share this with you and the Minister for Energy and Resources with the agreement of the Environment Minister's office.
N/A	Options to improve afforestation outcomes	MPI	This briefing considers the impacts and trade-offs associated with conversion of farmland to forestry at the Forestry Ministers meeting on June 18. This follows a request from Cabinet to progress work on whether there is a need to restrict afforestation on productive land, and possible mechanisms to do so, if any.
2020-B-06866	Climate-related financial disclosures updated draft cabinet paper	MfE	This briefing is to highlight key changes we have made to the draft Cabinet paper with

4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

Paper number	Paper name	Committee	Description	Timeframes
2020-C-06757	Delegating the power to make certain forestry-related decisions to a subgroup of Ministers for up to 12 months over the COVID-19 response period	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	This paper seeks agreement from Cabinet to delegate its authority to approve certain forestry-related applications made under the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (CCRA) to a subgroup of Ministers for a limited period.	Lodge: 18-Jun-20 ENV: 25-Jun-20 Cabinet: 29-Jun-20
2020-C-06644	Report back to Cabinet on Climate Impact Policy Assessments	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	This paper seeks Cabinet approval to lower the CIPA threshold and update the Cabinet Office circular.	Lodge: 18-Jun-20 ENV: 25-Jun-20 Cabinet: 29-Jun-20
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.	Lodge: 25-Jun-20 DEV: 1-Jul-20 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: 25-Jun-20 DEV: 1-Jul-20 Cabinet: 6-Jul-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: 16-Jul-20 LEG: 21-Aug-20 Cabinet: 27-Aug-20
2020-C-06841	Accounting for the sale of emission units	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	Lodge: 16-Jul-20 ENV: 23-Jul-20 Cabinet: 27-Jul-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) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
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Paper number	Paper name	Committee	Description	Timeframes
			9(2)(f)(iv)	
2020-C-06814	Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levy Amendment Regulations 2020	LEG – Legislation	LEG paper to update the synthetic greenhouse gas levy rates by amending the Climate Change (Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levies) Regulations 2013.	Lodge: 30-Jul-20 LEG: 4-Aug-20 Cabinet :10-Aug-20
2020-C-06809	Setting regulations for auctioning in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	LEG – Legislation	This paper seeks approval to set the rules for auctioning in the NZ ETS as regulations under the Climate Change Response Act.	Lodge: 30-Jul-20 LEG: 4-Aug-20 Cabinet: 10-Aug-20

5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
Government procurement: supporting New Zealand's COVID-19 economic and social recovery	MBIE	DEV – Economic Development	<p>Making explicit that the rapid procurement necessary for short-term recovery does not deprioritise NZGP's broader procurement outcomes, and our progress towards our environmental and climate change goals.</p> <p>Noting that the building and construction sector has the potential to increase climate resiliency and contribute to an overall reduction in net emissions through increased consideration of emissions in the procurement of government-funded building and construction.</p> <p>Procurement provides a vehicle for government to take a leadership role in facilitating the shift towards a low-emissions, climate-resilient future. Facilitating the shift towards a wider culture of sustainable building and construction practices in both public and private sectors. complements wider policy goals across urban development, public health, water and energy efficiency and waste-minimisation practices</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.

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the GHG analysis
Procurement COVID Response Plan	MBIE	DEV – Economic Development	The CIPA requirements do not apply to this proposal as the emissions impact is indirect and unable to be accurately quantified. The Ministry notes that this proposal has the potential to contribute to an overall reduction in net emissions through increased consideration of emissions from the building and construction sector in the procurement of government infrastructure.
COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Bill 2020: Approval for introduction	MfE	LEG – Legislation	<p>The CIPA requirements do not apply to this Cabinet paper. This is because the emissions impacts of the ten listed projects are unable to be determined in quantitative terms due to a lack of information. However, we expect that overall the projects listed in the legislation will likely contribute to a long term net reduction in emissions through encouraging a shift to lower emissions transport and higher density housing.</p> <p>The likely extent of emissions impacts of projects confirmed by Orders in Council under the fast-track consenting process will be dependent on the details of each project. Where emissions impacts may be significant and information is available, a fast-tracked CIPA process will be applied in order to quantify the emissions impact so that these impacts are able to be accurately disclosed to decision makers.</p>
Fuel Industry Bill: Further policy decisions and approval for introduction	MBIE	DEV – Economic Development	<p>The CIPA requirements do not apply to this proposal. Initial analysis of GHG emissions impacts shows that the per annum impacts of these proposals will be below the CIPA threshold of 250,000 tonnes per annum. Analysis shows that emissions increases could range from between approximately 11 Kt CO₂ per annum for a price change of 1cpl (cents per litre) in the short run, through to approximately 219 Kt CO₂ per annum in the long run for a price change of 12cpl.</p> <p>Although GHG and air pollutant emissions from transport increase as a result of a fall in fuel prices, other initiatives are being advanced to drive emission reductions. In particular, the Clean Car Reforms are being progressed to reduce the emissions of light vehicles imported into New Zealand. It will be important to progress these vehicle initiatives as they will complement the reforms recommended in this paper by encouraging a shift to lower emission vehicles despite an expected fall in fuel prices.</p>
Fertilizer Sales Reporting	MfE	ENV – Environment, Energy and Climate	The CIPA requirements do not apply to this proposal as the emissions impact is indirect and unable to be accurately quantified. This proposal will likely contribute to an overall reduction in net emissions as

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the GHG analysis
			it will help to manage the excessive application of nitrogen fertiliser through improved monitoring and reporting.

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6. OIA requests

6.1. Ministerial

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<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</p>	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-O-00937 James Shaw	MfE	Thu 11 Jun	Wed 01 Jul

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<p>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>						

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6.2. Ministry for the Environment OIAs

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We request the documents provided in response to the OIA Request 18-D-01858, see the attached document for reference.	9(2)(a)		20-D-00787	MfE	16 June 2020
Pursuant to the Official Information Act can you please provide me with all documents relevant to the decision by the New Zealand Government to provide the attached update its Nationally Determined Contribution under the UNFCC Paris Agreement dated 22 April.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-00657	MfE	19 June 2020 (extended)
Dear MfE_x000D_ I'm requesting under the Official Information Act, all memos and advice - including preliminary advice - provided by the Ministry for the Environment regarding the adequacy of New Zealand's Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement, including whether the NDC is compatible with a 1.5C temperature goal_x000D_ Please contact me if you have any questions.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-00698	MfE	22 June 2020 (extended)
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? If so, could I please request a copy of all advice? If this request needs refining, please let me know.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-00925	MfE	Fri 03 Jul

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Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 18 June for the week commencing 22 June

Date: 22 June
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
Lindy Fursman, Chief Advisor, Climate Change
Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
Mark Storey, Director, Climate Change

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

For item 3: Emma Corbett, Manager, Adaptation Policy
Lewis Stevens, Principal Analyst, Adaptation Policy

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	Context	Anne Haira	10 min
2	Title – Briefing on industrial allocation review <i>What we need from you: Decision on proceeding with Cabinet paper</i>	Matthew Cowie Scott Gulliver	10 min
3	Title - National Climate Change Risk Assessment – release and initial government response Cabinet paper (you received this on Wednesday 10 June) <i>What we need from you: Feedback from your Ministerial consultation</i>	Emma Corbett Lewis Stevens	10 min

Upcoming meetings 22 June – 3 July

Monday, 22 June	MfE Officials Meeting
Tuesday, 23 June	Michael Ahie, Chair - He Waka Eke Noa Chair (with Hon O'Connor) - update on Work Programme + Funding
Wednesday, 24 June	Minister Jonathan Wilkinson - Canadian Counterpart (Minister of Environment and Climate Change)
Thursday, 25 June	Wellington Committee of Certified Practising Accountants - Green Investment into the New Zealand Economy - 25 June 2020
Monday, 29 June	MfE Officials Meeting MFAT Officials Meeting

1. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

1.1. New Zealand and international emissions prices

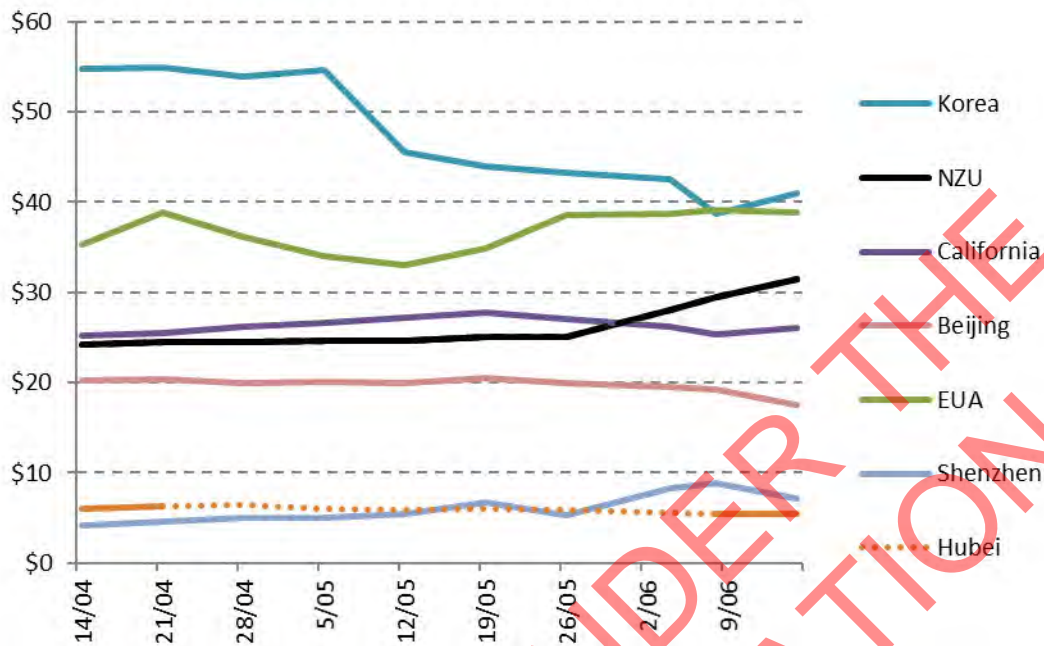
NZU prices have retreated somewhat from last week's high of \$32, falling back below the \$31 mark. Although it is not entirely clear what caused the retreat, it may be that the market is simply settling back down after the initial shock caused by the Government's announcement regarding the FPO rising to \$35, or possibly an increase in unit volume becoming available from sellers trying to take advantage of the record high prices.

Prices in the EU ETS gained slightly this week. Market commentators predict continued volatility in the market from the persistent impact of COVID-19 on economies and markets. Similar upticks in carbon prices occurred in California/Québec and South Korea.

Table: Current emissions prices

NZU, EUA and California emissions prices (NZD/t CO ₂ e) as at 17 June 2020		
NZU	EUA	California
30.82	39.75	26.11

Chart: Recent trends in international emissions prices



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International

1.3. International report on carbon leakage

The International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP) has published a report on carbon leakage and deep decarbonisation. New Zealand is a member of ICAP and regularly contributes to its work. This report is being shared with policy makers globally who have an ETS (and carbon leakage provisions) in place.

- The report notes that the differentiation between carbon prices worldwide brings an increased risk of carbon leakage, as companies may choose to move their production (and emissions) to a jurisdiction with less constraining carbon pricing policies. However much higher carbon prices will be necessary to achieve the decarbonisation targets.

- The report also points out that all emissions trading schemes have provisions to mitigate the risk of carbon leakage, including free allocation to emissions-intensive and trade-exposed industries.
- ICAP argues these carbon leakage mitigation provisions will need to be revised if those sectors are to decarbonise. It identifies a range of policies that can mitigate against the risk of carbon leakage and support emission pricing – including border carbon adjustments and consumption charges as alternatives to free allocation, and complementary policies to drive technological change and emission reductions.
- ICAP will be looking further into the viability of border carbon adjustments, which we know is an area that is being considered by the EU. We are following the developments there closely.

2. Upcoming key events/announcements involving MfE/MFAT

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

3. Upcoming briefings

Papers for week ending 26 June

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06819	Second draft of the long-term low emissions development strategy (LT-LEDS)–	MfE	This briefing attaches the second draft of the long-term emissions development strategy, 9(2)(g)(i) This draft incorporates initial feedback received from you and other government agencies. It is accompanied by a draft Cabinet Paper
2020-C-06764	New Zealand's Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy 2020 – First draft Cabinet Paper	MfE	First draft Cabinet Paper seeking Cabinet approval of the LTLEDS
2020-B-06864	National Climate Change Risk Assessment – public release and initial government response – Final Cabinet Paper for lodgement	MfE	This briefing provides you with the updated Cabinet Paper following Ministerial consultation. We will be seeking your agreement to lodge this paper on 25 June.

Papers for week ending 3 July

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06863	National Climate Change Risk Assessment Release - Communications Material	MfE	Providing all communications products relating to NCCRA release (communications plan, press release, Q&A, back pocket Q&A)

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06820 2020-C-06764	Final draft long-term low emissions development strategy for Ministerial consultation 9(2)(f)(iv)	MfE	This paper attaches the final draft long-term low emissions development strategy (LT-LEDS) and associated Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation. This paper incorporates two rounds of agency feedback.

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4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

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2020-C-06757	Delegating the power to make certain forestry-related decisions to a subgroup of Ministers for up to 12 months over the COVID-19 response period	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	This paper seeks agreement from Cabinet to delegate its authority to approve certain forestry-related applications made under the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (CCRA) to a subgroup of Ministers for a limited period.	Lodge: 18-Jun-20 ENV: 25-Jun-20 Cabinet: 29-Jun-20
2020-C-06883	Extending the Commission's statutory deadlines	ENV – Environment, Energy and Climate	This Cabinet paper seeks approval to extend the Climate Change Commission's statutory timeframes for providing advice on the first three emissions budgets and the first emissions reduction plan by four months.	Lodge: 18-Jun-20 ENV: 25-Jun-20 Cabinet: 29-Jun-20
2020-C-06644	Report back to Cabinet on Climate Impact Policy Assessments	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	This paper seeks Cabinet approval to lower the CIPA threshold and update the Cabinet Office circular.	Lodge: 18-Jun-20 ENV: 25-Jun-20 Cabinet: 29-Jun-20
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.	Lodge: 25-Jun-20 DEV: 1-Jul-20 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
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: 16-Jul-20 LEG: 21-Jul-20 Cabinet: 27-Jul-20
2020-C-06841	Managing 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	Lodge: 16-Jul-20 ENV: 23-Jul-20 Cabinet: 27-Jul-20

Paper number	Paper name	Committee	Description	Timeframes
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)
9(2)(f)(iv)				
2020-C-06814	Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levy Amendment Regulations 2020	LEG – Legislation	LEG paper to update the synthetic greenhouse gas levy rates by amending the Climate Change (Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levies) Regulations 2013.	Lodge: 30-Jul-20 LEG: 4-Aug-20 Cabinet :10-Aug-20
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5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the paper
Fuel Industry Bill: Further policy decisions and approval for introduction	MBIE	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	We are supportive of the proposals in this paper. We have already been consulted on policy decisions earlier this year, and have no further comments. A CIPA has been provided.

Climate Implications of Policy Assessments (CIPA)

The CIPA requirement came into force on 1 November 2019. We are currently not working with agencies on any CIPAs.

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6.1. Ministerial

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<p>This is to request under the Official Information Act 1982 a copy of all correspondence, memoranda, filenotes, briefings and other documents from 15 March 2020 to 15 April 2020 held by your Office regarding:</p> <p>(1) advice, correspondence & decisions relating to proposed changes to legislation intended to speed up and implement infrastructure and development projects in response to COVID-19, including but not limited to consideration of maintaining environmental safeguards and community and iwi consultation.</p> <p>(2) advice, correspondence & decisions relating to the identification and funding of shovel ready projects, including the establishment of the infrastructure group</p> <p>(3) advice, correspondence and decisions to delay the introduction of national direction, policy, and environmental regulations in light of COVID-19 considerations.</p> <p>(4) how the three above processes relate to Government commitments to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> apply a 'climate lens' to these COVID-19 response decisions as per the Government's announcement of 4 December 2019 "Climate change lens on major Government decisions" and pursuant to the Zero Carbon Act; the proposed national direction on freshwater, highly productive land and urban development and transport; and <p>Māori consultation, both with Iwi & Hapū, and Māori development.</p>	9(2)(a)		OIA319	MfE	7 May 2020	Tranche one sent 11 June 2020, tranche two due by 25 June'

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6.2. Ministry for the Environment OIAs

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Dear MfE_x000D_ I'm requesting under the Official Information Act, all memos and advice - including preliminary advice - provided by the Ministry for the Environment regarding the adequacy of New Zealand's Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement, including whether the NDC is compatible with a 1.5C temperature goal._x000D_ Please contact me if you have any questions.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-00698	MfE	Mon 22 Jun (extended)
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? If so, could I please request a copy of all advice? If this request needs refining, please let me know.	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	20-D-00925	MfE	Fri 03 Jul
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. If so, please send copies of these documents and/or any related correspondence. 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?	9(2)(a)		20-D-00964	MfE	Thu 09 Jul Transfer to DOC tbc

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Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 25 June for the week commencing 29 June

Date: 29 June
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
Lindy Fursman, Chief Advisor, Climate Change
Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
Mark Storey, Acting Director, Climate Change

For item 1: Sarah Deblock, Manager, Climate Change

Helen Plume, Principal Analyst, Climate Change

Jemima Jamieson, Senior Analyst, Climate Change

For item 2: Matthew Cowie, Manager, Emissions Trading Policy

Scott Gulliver, Principal Advisor, Emissions Trading

For item 3: Alex White, Acting Manager, Climate Policy

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy <i>What we need from you: Feedback on draft LTLEDS and Cabinet Paper</i>	Helen Plume, Sarah Deblock, Jemima Jamieson	10 min
2	Managing NZ ETS proceeds Cabinet paper <i>What we need from you: Feedback on the content of this draft Cabinet paper</i>	Matthew Cowie Scott Gulliver	5 min
3	Climate related financial disclosures <i>What we need from you: Feedback on revised draft Cabinet paper</i>	Alex White	10 min
4	Context	Anne Haira	15 min

Upcoming meetings 29 June – 10 July

Monday, 29 June	MfE Officials Meeting MFAT Officials Meeting
Tuesday, 30 June	NZ Upgrade Programme Delivery Ministerial Meeting
Wednesday, 1 July	Reserve Bank New Zealand (climate action investment fund)
Monday, 6 July	MfE Officials Meeting MFAT Officials Meeting
Friday, 10 July	Elemental Group, Director Brett Rogers - 'Put it Back vision brief'

1. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

1.1. New Zealand and international emissions prices [commercial in-confidence]

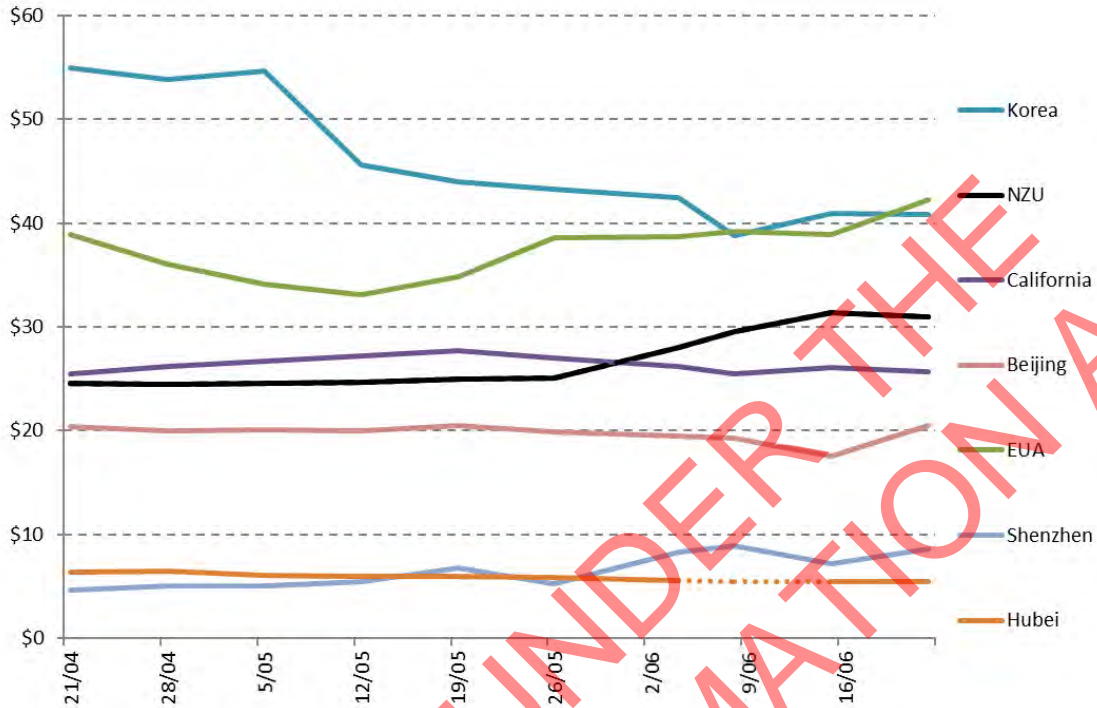
NZU prices saw a small fluctuation from the previous week, but have firmed up to \$31.00 for the last few days. The volumes traded have remained relatively small.

EU prices came within a cent of their four-month, pre-COVID high. Analysts do not believe this is due to a single, specific cause, but a combination of factors, such as economies beginning to reopen, and utilities stocking up on units before the supply slows down over the European holiday season.

Table: Current emissions prices

NZU, EUA and California emissions prices (NZD/t CO ₂ e) as at 24 June 2020		
NZU	EUA	California
31.00	42.29	25.63

Chart: Recent trends in international emissions prices



1.2. Planetary Boundaries Report

We have previously discussed with you the report we commissioned from the Stockholm Resilience Centre and partners translating the planetary boundaries framework to New Zealand. The report documents that New Zealand has exceeded its “fair share” (per capita allocation) of all five of the planetary boundaries assessed. We consider that the report, along with Environment Aotearoa 2019, provides an evidential basis for the case for change in terms of our environmental management settings.

As the report is near completion, this is appropriate stage to share the report with you before it is formally released. A briefing to Minister Parker (copied to you) outlines the main findings of the PBNZ report and its policy implications, and our proposed engagement plan pre and post-election.

2020-B-06901 Planetary Boundaries report	MfE	This briefing provides you with the report, an overview of its main findings and policy implications, and our proposed engagement plan pre and post-election.	26 June
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International

1.3. The Bank of England publishes first climate-related financial disclosures

The Bank of England has released its first climate-related financial disclosures within its Annual Report (<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/prudential-regulation/publication/2020/climate-related-financial-disclosure-2019-20>), consistent with the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures recommendations. The Bank performed in line with the national average on most asset portfolios and out-performed targets relating to emissions reductions. However, it did find its corporate bond portfolio to be inconsistent with the Paris Agreement, supporting a 3.5 degree future. The Bank highlighted the need for further work to be able to meet future national and international goals. Given the size of the institution, this shows a way forward for other large financial entities to begin their climate-related financial disclosures analysis.

1.4. Australia's opposition Labor Party seeks bipartisan climate change policy

A development in Australian opposition Labor Party's climate and energy policy this week saw Labor Leader Anthony Albanese writing to Prime Minister Morrison and delivering a speech on a proposed bipartisan approach to an issue that has divided Australian politics for the last decade. Albanese proposed they "meet and agree on an energy investment framework that will deliver the modernisation of Australia's energy system."

Key points from Albanese's speech:

While Labor opposes domestic nuclear power, it welcomes acknowledgement in the recently released Technology Investment Roadmap that renewables and other clean technologies are not only key to addressing climate change, but also key to more investment and more jobs. But Australia needs an actual energy policy that will support the investment required to deliver on the Technology Roadmap's promise. Albanese wants to agree an energy investment framework that will deliver the modernisation of Australia's energy system and provide investment certainty. It must be flexible, and enduring. Labor is willing to support carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies being able to generate carbon offsets, as long as the usual quality safeguards are met. Australia's Chief Scientist, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) all advise that CCS must be part of the solution to reach net zero emissions. Labor also wants to protect Australia's renewable energy agencies.

Our Post in Canberra will provide a full readout, including the Morrison Government's response, in the coming week.

1.5. Update on Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability (ACCTS) negotiations

On 19 June, New Zealand chaired a virtual meeting with participants in the Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability (Norway, Costa Rica, Switzerland and Iceland). The meeting provided a first opportunity for participants to share information on research undertaken on each of the areas for negotiation, and to discuss a work programme aligning with Leaders' aims of concluding a swift and ambitious outcome.

New Zealand is now charged with producing an outcomes document, including a proposed plan for substantive engagement for the months ahead.

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2. Upcoming key events/announcements involving MfE/MFAT

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

3. Upcoming briefings

Papers for week ending 3 July

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2020-B-06863	National Climate Change Risk Assessment Release - Communications Material	MfE	Provides all communications products relating to Risk Assessment release (communications plan, press release, Q&A, back pocket Q&A)
2020-B-06820 2020-C-06764	Final draft long-term low emissions development strategy for Ministerial consultation 9(2)(f)(iv)	MfE	This paper attaches the final draft long-term low emissions development strategy (LT-LEDS) and associated Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation. This paper incorporates two rounds of agency feedback
2020-B-06898	Adaptation Reporting Power implementation	MfE	The purpose of this briefing is to seek your views on our approach to implementing the Adaptation Reporting Power in support of the first National Adaptation Plan, and to provide advice about delegation of the Power to the Secretary for the Environment.
2020-B-09619	Cover note for Cabinet paper on managing proceeds from the NZ ETS	MfE	Attaches the final draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation following your feedback on the first draft and agency consultation.
2020-B-06913	Meeting on the proposal for a Climate Action Investment Fund - 1 July 2020	MfE	Briefing to support Minister Shaw for his meeting with the Minister of Finance and Associate Minister of Finances, the Governor Adrian Orr, Rod Carr, Mike Smith, Vicky Robertson, Matt Whineray, and Jon Grayson next Wednesday, 1 July at 4.30-5.30pm to discuss the Climate Action Investment Fund.
2020-B-06914	Talking points for DEV consideration of "National Climate Change Risk Assessment - public release and initial government response" on 1 July.	MfE	This briefing provides you with talking points for DEV on 1 July, where your paper "National Climate Change Risk Assessment - public release and initial government response" will be considered.

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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	Advise on the process to appoint an interim auction monitor for the NZ ETS due to the postponement of the full regulatory process.
2020-B-06892	Draft NZ ETS regulations Cabinet LEG committee paper	MfE	Draft LEG paper on NZ ETS settings regulations

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4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

Paper number	Paper name	Committee	Description	Timeframes
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.	DEV: 1-Jul-20 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
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: 16-Jul-20 LEG: 21-Jul-20 Cabinet: 27-Jul-20
2020-C-06841	Managing 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	Lodge: 16-Jul-20 ENV: 23-Jul-20 Cabinet: 27-Jul-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)
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2020-C-06811	Refining NZ LEG paper	LEG - Legislation	Amends the industrial allocation regulations to include refined petroleum products.	Lodge: 23-Jul-20 LEG: 4-Aug-20 Cabinet: 10-Aug-20

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2020-C-06925	Approval to make an Order in Council for exemption(s) under section 60 of the Climate Change Response Act 2002	LEG – Legislation	Final timing and scope to be confirmed with Te Uru Rākau. The paper would seek approval to make an Order in Council for exemption(s) under section 60 of the Climate Change Response Act 2002.	Lodge: 30-Jul-20 TBC LEG: 4-Aug-20 TBC Cabinet: 10-Aug-20 TBC
2020-C-06814	Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levy Amendment Regulations 2020	LEG – Legislation	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 TBC
2020-C-06809	Setting regulations for auctioning in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	LEG – Legislation	This paper seeks approval to set the rules for auctioning in the NZ ETS as regulations under the Climate Change Response Act.	Lodge: Nov LEG: Nov Cabinet: Nov

5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

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
New Zealand's Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy	MfE	ENV	The Climate Implications of Policy Assessment (CIPA) requirements do not apply to this proposal as the potential emissions impact is indirect and unable to be accurately quantified. However, this proposal may potentially contribute to an overall reduction in emissions as it is important in supporting the transition to a low-emissions economy by communicating New Zealand's strategic direction.
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<p>I note that a lot of the Final Climate Change Weekly Update for week of 13 April 2020 is redacted under s 16(1)(e) (by giving an excerpt or summary of the contents) but I'd really like the full document as only being able to see one or two lines isn't really in good faith a 'summary'.</p>	9(2)(a)		20-O-01026	MFE	Fri 26 Jun	Tue 21 Jul

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