



Talking points on the completion and launch of the emissions reduction plan

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	Action sought:	Response by:
Hon James SHAW, Minister of Climate Change	Review attached talking points ahead of CBC on Tuesday 19 April 2022	19 April 2022

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	Return the signed report to MfE.
Number of appendices and attachments #2	1: Talking points on the completion and launch of the emissions reduction plan 2: Key changes since Ministerial consultation

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Talking points on the completion and launch of the emissions reduction plan

1. This briefing provides material to support the presentation of the paper *Emissions Reduction Plan: completion and launch of the Plan* at the Cabinet Business Committee on Tuesday, 19 April 2022. It includes:
 - Talking points (Appendix 1)
 - Key changes since Ministerial consultation (Appendix 2)
 - Alternative recommendations in relation to emissions trading and forestry, as requested by your office
 - Comments from Hon Williams that were received on 14 April 2022 and may be raised in the meeting.

Alternative recommendations

2. Your office requested alternative recommendations relating to Climate Change Commission (Commission) recommendations 11 and 25, on the basis that the proposals in the Cabinet paper will not provide for those recommendations to be fully met.
3. This briefing proposes an alternative. This alternative would enable Cabinet to agree in principle to the Commission's recommendations, s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
4. s 9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]

Additional comments

5. s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]

a. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

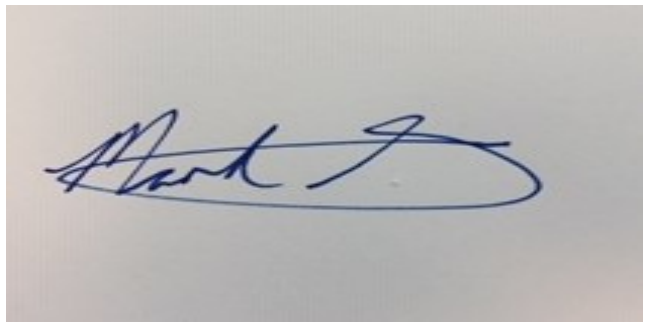


b. s 9(2)(g)(i)



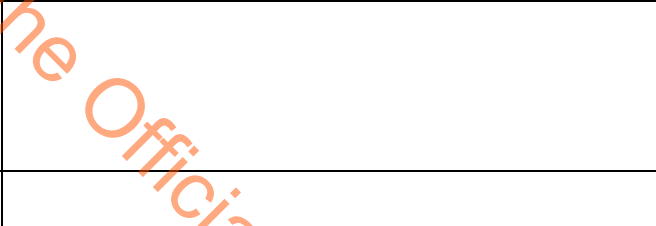
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Appendix 1: Talking points on the *Emissions Reduction Plan: completion and launch of the Plan*

Aotearoa New Zealand's first emissions reduction plan

- Our first emissions reduction plan is a key milestone in our transition to a low-emissions and climate-resilient future and the implementation of the Zero Carbon Framework.
- This plan responds to the recommendations provided by the Climate Change Commission in May 2021. It brings together the many climate change policies and actions that Cabinet has considered and agreed in recent months.
- This plan sets out the policies and strategies for meeting the first emissions budget and putting us on track to meet future emissions budgets and – ultimately – our 2050 target.
- It also contributes to global efforts to limit temperature rise to 1.5°C.

The plan satisfies the requirements in the Climate Change Response Act 2002

- The first emissions budget requires emissions from 2022–2025 to be no more than 290.0 Mt CO₂-e.
- Modelling and analysis shows that the plan could realistically achieve this emissions budget (and the second and third emissions budgets), noting that there are a number of risks and uncertainties.
- The plan also satisfies the requirements in the Climate Change Response Act 2002 by including:
 - actions to reduce emissions and increase removals across key sectors
 - actions to align system settings to support achievement of our emissions budgets and improve sectors' ability to adapt to the effects of climate change
 - actions to ensure that we transition in a way that is fair, equitable and inclusive.

Accountability

- Under the Climate Change Response Act 2002, the Minister of Climate Change is responsible for setting – and meeting – emissions budgets.
- In practice, however, meeting the emissions budgets requires concerted efforts across multiple Ministerial portfolios. Individual Ministers are responsible for developing and implementing policies that:
 - reduce emissions (ie, in the transport, energy and industry, building and construction, agriculture, waste and F-gases)
 - increase removals (ie, forestry)

- enable emissions reductions (ie, emissions pricing, investment, planning and infrastructure, the shift to a circular economy with a thriving bioeconomy, as well as research, science, innovation and technology).
- Ministerial responsibility.
 - The emissions reduction plan under consideration assigns Ministerial and agency responsibility on a chapter-by-chapter basis.
 - I recommend that Cabinet confirm these responsibilities. I also seek your direction on whether the chapters should designate the Ministers and agencies that are responsible for leading this work.
 - I propose that each chapter include photos of lead Ministers and Chief Executives.
- Sector sub-targets.
 - The plan contains the sector sub-targets agreed by Cabinet in December 2021.
 - Sector sub-targets are a useful tool for checking the progress each sector is making. However, they are not designed to lock Aotearoa into a single pathway for achieving our emissions budgets.
 - Individual Chief Executives and Ministers will be responsible for the sector sub-targets. The Climate Change Chief Executives Board and Prime Minister will oversee progress.
- Monitoring and reporting.
 - Regular monitoring and reporting by the Climate Change Commission and central government agencies will track progress towards our emissions budgets.
 - By looking at the adequacy and implementation of policies and strategies, the government will be able to adjust our policy settings to ensure we remain on track.

Launching the emissions reduction plan s 9(2)(g)(i)

- s 9(2)(g)(i)
- [REDACTED]
- Supporting information will be published on the Ministry for the Environment's website, including:
 - A complete list of the Climate Change Commission's recommendations and the Government's responses

- A technical information annex that shows how the actions in the plan will drive emissions reductions in line with the emissions budgets.

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