



# Updating New Zealand's first Nationally Determined Contribution – final A3 to support Ministerial discussion

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	<b>Action sought:</b>	<b>Response by:</b>
Hon James SHAW, Minister of Climate Change	Approve final draft of A3 for discussion with Ministers	13 Sep 2021

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	<p><b>Forward</b> this report to Rt. Hon. Jacinda Ardern, Hon. Grant Robertson, Hon. Nanaia Mahuta, Hon. David Parker</p> <p><b>Return</b> the signed report to MfE</p>
Number of appendices and attachments 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appendix 1: Range of domestic and international options to meet the first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC1) under the Paris Agreement</li> <li>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</li> </ol>

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1. The purpose of this briefing is to provide you with a final draft of the attached A3 *Range of domestic and international options to meet the first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC1) under the Paris Agreement* to support further conversations between Ministers on updating NDC1.
2. Updating NDC1 is included on the draft agenda for the next Climate Response Ministerial Group (CRMG) meeting, scheduled for 21 September 2021. We also understand that you intend to discuss updating NDC1 with a small group of Ministers, including the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister for the Environment, ahead of CRMG.
3. Last week we provided you with a draft version of the attached A3, which presents a range of domestic and international options that could contribute towards meeting NDC1 [BRF-534 refers]. s 9(2)(f)(iv)  
[Redacted]
4. The attached version of the A3 (see Appendix 1) has been updated following your feedback to include additional information on the emissions reduction impact of domestic proposals. It presents this information, as well as international cooperation options, in Mt CO<sub>2</sub>e where possible. We have also populated the 'confidence rating' column for domestic options, to provide you with a certainty indication (high, medium, or low).
5. s 9(2)(f)(iv)  
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6. s 9(2)(f)(iv)  
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7. s 9(2)(i)(iv)  
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8. You also requested officials provide a supporting diagram or chart that collated domestic and international cooperation options over the next three decades to provide a high-level

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Primary Industries, Ministry of Transport, Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment

picture of how different initiatives impact on emissions over time. This is still under development, and in the process of pulling this together we note:

- We do not expect the domestic initiatives to be able to reduce emissions further than the Climate Change Commission’s tailwinds pathway (i.e. create a ‘tailwinds plus’ scenario). This is due to the very strong assumptions the Commission has used to underpin the tailwinds scenario and low likelihood that all elements of the tailwinds scenario will be realised by 2030. This means the tailwinds scenario remains the upper limit of domestic emission reductions we expect by 2030.
- A mix of domestic initiatives may, however, increase the likelihood of achieving the tailwinds scenario by 2030, and therefore contribute towards domestic achievement of our NDC.
- Beyond 2030, the Commission’s modelled pathways set out the emission reductions required to meet net-zero by 2050. Due to their earlier starting points, some of the domestic initiatives may impact on *when* net-zero is achieved (i.e. it may bring New Zealand closer to a 2050 tailwinds scenario overall), but the domestic initiatives do not provide ‘additional’ emission reductions in the long term. <sup>9(2)(f)(iv)</sup>

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- It is challenging to graphically show the potential impacts of different international cooperation options over time. This is because international cooperation options are not necessarily cumulative – different bilateral or regional programmes may draw on emission reductions from the same pool of overall projects. <sup>s 9(2)(j)</sup>

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9. We will continue to work on material that supports getting to a decision on an updated NDC1 and will provide an update early next week.
10. We recommend that you forward the attached material to your colleagues ahead of meeting them to discuss NDC1. We also suggest the attached A3 be circulated and discussed at the upcoming CRMG meeting.

## Recommendations

We recommend that you:

- a. **Discuss** the final draft of the *Range of domestic and international options to meet the first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC1) under the Paris Agreement A3 with officials*

Yes/No

- b. **Forward** this to Rt. Hon. Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister for information

Yes/No

- c. **Forward** this to Hon. Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance for information  
Yes/No
- d. **Forward** this to Hon. Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Foreign Affairs for information  
Yes/No
- e. **Forward** this to Hon. David Parker, Minister of the Environment for information  
Yes/No
- f. **Agree** that this briefing and appendices will be released proactively on the Ministry for the Environment’s website, with relevant information withheld consistent with the Official Information Act, once final decisions on updating NDC1 have been made and communicated  
Yes/No

## Signature

Craig Salmon Chief Advisor <b>Climate Change</b>	Approved electronically.
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Hon James SHAW, Minister of Climate Change	
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**Appendix 1: Range of domestic and international options to meet the first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC1) under the Paris Agreement (attached)**

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### Appendix 1: Summary table – range of domestic and international options to meet NDC1

Domestic pathways	Impact on emissions
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