



Talking points for Cabinet discussions on Emissions reduction plan: Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the role of Māori in the transition

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Hon James SHAW, Minister of Climate Change	Note the attached talking points prior to DEV on 2 March 2022	2 March 2022

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	Return the signed report to MfE.
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Key Messages

1. The purpose of this briefing is to provide you with talking points to support your discussion on the Cabinet paper *Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the role of Māori in the transition* at the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV).
2. DEV will consider this Cabinet paper on 2 March 2022, ahead of Cabinet decisions on Monday 7 March 2022.
3. Talking points are attached as Appendix 1.

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Appendix 1: Talking points to support your Cabinet discussions on Cabinet paper Emissions reduction plan: Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the role of Māori in the transition

1. The Government will publish its first emissions reduction plan in May 2022 and must consider the Climate Change Commission's recommendations when developing the plan.
 - a. The Commission's recommendations articulate an ambitious view for how the Government should give effect to its obligations under Te Tiriti in the context of the climate response and transition to a low-emissions society.
 - b. The Government has several other programmes and initiatives across climate policy that require engagement with Māori and investment for Māori outcomes.
 - c. Our response to the Commission's recommendations needs to build off previous work and offers a significant opportunity to advance a more strategic and coordinated Crown-Māori relationship for climate policy.
2. I propose establishing a Māori climate platform to support how we work with Māori representatives to define, measure and achieve outcomes for Māori and to operationalise the Commission's recommendations.
 - a. The Māori climate platform will be established in two phases. The first phase will include the appointment of an interim Ministerial advisory committee to provide immediate advice on priority climate issues. The committee will work alongside the Crown on a proposal for phase two - a more enduring and empowered Māori climate platform.
 - b. I will work with Minister and Associate Minister for Māori Development and the Minister for Māori Crown Relations to progress the establishment of the interim Ministerial advisory committee.
 - c. I am seeking funding for the Māori Climate Action initiative through the Budget 2022 Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF). This initiative will allow the Māori climate platform to build the foundations for a Tiriti-led approach to an equitable transition for Māori and the Māori economy across our climate policy response.
3. The Māori climate platform will be supported by three workstreams to help coordination across multiple cross-government climate work programmes. The workstreams will guide our approach to implementing the Commission's recommendations related to Māori and support more equal and constructive relationships. The three workstreams are:
 - a. a partnership and representation workstream to establish an enduring mechanism to support the foundations and relationships for Te Tiriti partnership and recognition of Māori rights and interests across the climate response. This should include mechanisms for Māori to actively participate in design and decision-making across the transition.
 - b. a strategy and alignment workstream to elevate Te Ao Māori within the climate response. This should include a collaborative strategy process and the development of a community-facing climate toolbox.

- c. a community activation workstream to build capacity and capability by supporting kaupapa Māori, tangata Māori solutions and needs through the climate response. This should include funding to enable Māori to plan and respond to climate change as part of an equitable transition for Māori.

Additional point on timeframes and phased nature of proposal, if required

- 4. Achieving the Commission's suggested outcomes will require a long-term commitment and system-change across government
 - a. Māori have consistently told us that Te Tiriti partnership and representation, elevating Te Ao Māori, and resourcing kaupapa Māori and tangata Māori solutions are key enablers of an equitable transition for Māori.
 - b. Success will be dependent on intentionally building the capability, capacity, and enabling systems for both Māori and the Crown to work together in partnership, as well as enabling Māori to take independent climate action.
 - c. Responding in a way that recognises the urgency of climate change, while also enabling an equitable transition for Māori, will require flexibility and a willingness to be innovative in how we progress.