



Finalised submission to the UNFCCC to update New Zealand's NDC1

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	Action sought:	Response by:
Hon James SHAW, Minister of Climate Change	Agree to the formal submission of the update to NDC1 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat, as attached in Appendix 1	4 November 2021

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	Return the signed report to MfE.
Number of appendices and attachments #2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Submission to the UNFCCC to update New Zealand's first Nationally Determined Contribution – clean version Submission to the UNFCCC to update New Zealand's first Nationally Determined Contribution – tracked changes version

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Key Messages

1. The purpose of this briefing is to seek your agreement to formally submit the update to New Zealand’s first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC1) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat.
2. On 26 November 2021, Cabinet agreed to update New Zealand’s NDC1 to be a reduction of 50 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.
3. The update needs to be formalised via a submission to the UNFCCC Secretariat. The submission will be uploaded to the NDC registry maintained by the Secretariat.
4. The submission (Appendix 1) was approved by Cabinet subject to technical and editorial changes. We have populated the submission with the final figures, as decided by Cabinet. These are shown in the tracked changes in Appendix 2.
5. Following further technical review we have also updated the text relating to the reference point and base year for the period 2021 – 2030. This clarifies that New Zealand will provide further information on how ongoing technical improvements to the national greenhouse gas inventory will be treated when New Zealand submits its first biennial transparency report. This will ensure inventory improvements can be incorporated into the budget calculation.

Recommendations

We recommend that you:

- a. **Note** on 26 November Cabinet agreed to submit New Zealand’s updated first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC1) to the UNFCCC, subject to technical editorial changes approved by you
- b. **Agree** to formally submit the update to NDC1 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat, as attached in Appendix 1

Yes/No

- c. **Agree** that this briefing and appendices will be released proactively on the Ministry for the Environment’s website within the next 6 weeks

Yes/No

Signature

Craig Salmon Chief Advisor - Climate Change	Approved electronically
Hon James SHAW, Minister of Climate Change	

Appendix 1: Submission to the UNFCCC to update New Zealand's first Nationally Determined Contribution – clean version

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Appendix 2: Submission to the UNFCCC to update New Zealand's first Nationally Determined Contribution – tracked changes version

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