



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: Consultation on Updating New Zealand's First Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC1): Update

Portfolio Climate Change

On 9 August 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Climate Response Ministerial Group discussed issues associated with updating New Zealand's first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC1), including the need for public consultation, on 27 July 2021;
- 2 **noted** there is no statutory requirement to consult the general public on updating NDC1;
- 3 **noted** that there has already been engagement with the public on NDC1, including the government's 2015 consultation prior to setting the current NDC and the Climate Change Commission's consultation on its draft advice in early 2021;
- 4 **noted** that the private sector, including business and industry groups, participated in the previous public consultations on NDC1 referred to in paragraph 3, including through written submissions, and that the Ministry for the Environment will undertake targeted engagement with Business NZ and the Sustainable Business Council on the current NDC1 process;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister of Climate Change does not consider that additional consultation would provide any further information than was gathered in previous consultations;
- 6 **noted** that engaging with iwi/Māori helps the Crown fulfil its obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi, but that there has already been engagement with iwi/Māori on NDC1, including the government's 2015 consultation prior to setting the current NDC and the Climate Change Commission's consultation on its draft advice in early 2021;
- 7 **noted** that the current NDC1 update process has been discussed at the National Iwi Chairs Forum and that the Ministry for the Environment, with support from Te Arawhiti, will continue to engage under Pou Take Āhuarangi of the National Iwi Chairs Forum on the NDC process;
- 8 **agreed** to not undertake a public consultation process on updating NDC1.

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Secretary of the Cabinet