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CLIMATE RESPONSE MINISTERIAL GROUP MEETING 10 AUGUST 2021

		Meeting Agenda Items	
Date		Tuesday 10 August 2021	
Main items		<p>Agenda item 1: Finalise emissions reduction plan consultation (including on major themes e.g. Crown-Maori partnership)</p> <p>Agenda item 2: Progressing decisions on emissions budgets for 2022-2025, 2026-2030 and 2031-2035</p> <p>Out of Scope</p>	
Date	Time	Location	Attendees
Tuesday 10 August 2021	800-900	EW.2.1	<p>Chair: Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister</p> <p>Deputy Chair: Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change</p> <p>Hon. Grant Robertson – Minister of Finance; Minister of Infrastructure</p> <p>Hon. Nanaia Mahuta – Minister of Foreign Affairs; Local Government; Associate Māori Development</p> <p>Hon. Stuart Nash – Minister of Forestry; Minister for Economic Development</p> <p>Hon. Damien O'Connor – Minister of Agriculture; Minister for Biosecurity</p> <p>Hon. David Parker – Minister for the Environment</p> <p>Hon. Michael Wood – Minister of Transport</p> <p>Hon. Megan Woods – Minister of Energy and Resources; Minister for Housing</p> <p>Hon. Carmel Sepuloni – Minister of Social Development and Employment</p> <p>Hon. Poto Williams – Minister of Building and Construction</p> <p>Hon. Willie Jackson – Minister for Māori Development</p>
#	Time	Agenda Item	Recommendations
1	800-845	<p>Lead Speaker: Minister Shaw</p> <p>Finalise emissions reduction plan consultation (including on major themes e.g. Crown-Māori partnership)</p>	
		<p>This item will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on the emissions reduction plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New policy content that will be consulted on Areas that are likely to be of significant interest Any outstanding feedback and/or policy questions <p>Supporting Documents:</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p><i>Emissions reduction plan consultation document slides</i></p>	<p>Consultation on the emissions reduction plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note that the emissions reduction plan must set out the policies and strategies needed to achieve the first emissions budget (2022-2025) and can look out to the second and third emissions budget periods (2026-2030, 2031-2035) Note that the Climate Change Response Act 2002 requires consultation on the emissions reduction plan to be adequate, including with key stakeholders, affected communities, iwi and Māori Note that the consultation document includes new policies, some of which may attract significant public interest Note that the Cabinet paper and consultation document will be considered at CBC on 16 August and Cabinet on 23 August Note that public consultation is planned for 24 August to 3 October 2021

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An equitable transition for Māori

6. **Note** the Climate Change Commission's recommendations relating to an equitable transition for Māori are:

- R6: that the Government works in partnership with iwi/Māori and local government to develop a strategy to ensure the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi are embedded in subsequent emissions reduction plans
- R26: that in the context of a transition to a low emissions society, central and local government work with iwi/Māori to develop a mechanism to build authentic and enduring partnerships
- R27: that the Government work with iwi/Māori to develop a strategy to advance a Māori led approach to an equitable transition for iwi/Māori and the Māori economy

7. **Agree** in principle to accept the Climate Change Commission recommendations R6 and R27.

8. **Note** that MfE will lead consideration of how R6 will be incorporated into future ERPs.

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

10. **Agree** that a focus for consultation will be to understand what iwi and Māori think a Māori-led strategy will look like, (including whether it should include climate adaptation as well as mitigation) and ultimately their role on R27 and within the wider ERP.

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

Circular (and bio) economy

12. **Note** that the Climate Change Commission's final advice recommends the Government develop bioeconomy and circular economy strategies in the first Budget Period (recommendations 14 and 15)

13. **Note** that the draft emissions reduction plan consultation contains a high-level narrative and consultation questions relating to the development of a combined circular and bioeconomy strategy.

14. **Note** that officials propose a circular/bioeconomy chapter be added to the emissions reduction plan.

15. **Note** that MBIE have agreed to be the lead agency responsible for responding to recommendations 14 and 15 of the Commission's final advice.

16. **Invite** Minister Nash and Minister Woods to jointly lead the development of the circular/bioeconomy chapter

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4	855-900	Lead Speaker: Minister O'Connor and Minister Shaw s 9(2)(g)(i)	
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Consultation on the emissions reduction plan

For discussion by the Climate Response Ministerial Group on
10 August 2021

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Purpose

On 27 July, CRMG discussed the shortfall between the policies currently identified and quantified for inclusion in the emissions reduction plan and the Commission's recommended emissions budget for 2022-2025.

Today's meeting builds on that conversation and provides an opportunity to discuss:

- the emissions reduction plan consultation, including new policy content
- areas likely to be of significant interest
- any outstanding feedback and questions.

NOTE: The consultation document will be considered by CBC on 16 August and Cabinet on 23 August. This meeting replaces Ministerial consultation.

Why are we consulting?

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The emissions reduction plan is a key step in New Zealand's transition to a low emissions future. It will affect all New Zealanders and touch on all areas of the economy. To be successful, the plan requires widespread acceptance.

The Climate Change Response Act 2002 requires consultation on the emissions reduction plan to be adequate, including with sector representatives, affected communities, iwi and Māori.

The Commission consulted on high-level policy direction in February – April 2021. It did not consult on detailed policy. As a result, consultation on the emissions reduction plan is required.

The consultation document seeks public feedback on new proposed policies and strategies for inclusion in the plan.

Note: The consultation document does not include the full suite of policies, because:

- *many measures are already in place*
- *some measures are the subject of separate consultation (e.g. consultation on the biofuels mandate recently closed, distribution system work is currently being consulted on by the Electricity Authority)*
- *Not all the actions being considered require public consultation (e.g. alignment of government strategies).*

Key sections of the consultation document

The consultation document includes 67 questions relating to these key areas.

These questions build on the Commission's consultation and consultation previously undertaken by agencies.

Meeting the net zero challenge

- Transition pathway
- Working with our Tiriti partners
- Making an equitable transition

Aligning systems and tools

- Government accountability and coordination (including the role of the private sector and others)
- Funding and finance
- Emissions pricing
- Planning
- Research, science and innovation
- Behaviour change
- Circular and bio economy

Sector-specific policies

- Transport
- Energy and industry
- Building and construction
- Agriculture
- Waste and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
- Forestry

New sector policies that we will be consulting on

Sector	New policies
Transport	<p>Four transport targets :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reduce Vehicle Kilometres Travelled (VKT) by cars and light vehicles by 20 per cent by 20352. Increase zero emissions vehicles to 30 per cent of the light fleet by 20353. Reduce emissions from freight transport by 25 per cent by 20354. Reduce the emissions intensity of transport fuel by 15 per cent by 2035 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrate land use, urban development and transport planning and investments to reduce transport emissions• Implement existing mode-shift plans for our largest cities and begin planning for other urban areas.• Create much greater bus network capacity and mass transit infrastructure to deliver better public transport (PT)• Make PT, walking, cycling & shared mobility safer, more convenient and accessible• Support local government to accelerate widespread street/road reallocation to support PT, active travel and placemaking• Improve access and travel choice for the transport disadvantaged• Reduce PT fares• Investigate the potential for PT, walking and cycling in rural and provincial areas• Enable congestion pricing and investigate how we can use other pricing tools to reduce transport emissions• Set a high bar for further roadway expansion and new highways• Implement community-based solutions to make low-emission vehicles (including e-bikes) more accessible for low-income New Zealanders, and others facing transport disadvantage• Phase out the import of internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles from 2030• Set a maximum CO2 limit for individual light ICE vehicle imports to tackle the highest emitting vehicles• Investigate how the tax system should be used to avoid disadvantaging clean transport options• Introduce a vehicle scrappage scheme to support New Zealanders to upgrade to safer, more fuel-efficient vehicles• Partner on solutions to supply constraints for low-emissions vehicles• Determine whether there are legislative barriers to the use of some types of low-emission vehicles• Accelerate the decarbonisation of trucks• Develop a Freight and Supply Chain Strategy• Implement the NZ Rail Plan and investigate options to encourage greater use of coastal shipping• Investigate ways to reduce aviation and maritime emissions• Introduce a sustainable biofuels mandate• Produce a national EV infrastructure plan

New sector policies that we will be consulting on

Sector	New policies
Energy and industry	Developing an energy strategy
	Setting a renewable energy target
	Setting outcomes and an approach to developing a plan for managing the phase out of natural gas in the energy system
	Developing a plan to decarbonise the industrial sector
	Identifying the level of support that Government could provide for development of low emissions fuels, such as bioenergy and hydrogen, to support decarbonisation of industrial heat, electricity and transport
Building and construction	Setting a date for ending all new natural gas connections in all buildings and eliminating natural gas in all buildings by 2050
	Key aspects for a potential mandatory energy performance certificate or programme
	Addressing fossil fuel usage for boilers used for space and water heating in commercial buildings
Waste	Banning the disposal of organic waste (e.g. food, green and paper waste) to landfill by 1 January 2030
	Requiring all suitable landfills to install landfill gas capture
	Standardised kerbside collection that prioritises separating recyclables such as fibre (paper and cardboard) and food and garden waste
	Increased funding for education and behaviour change initiatives to help reduce organic waste
HFCs	Regulated product stewardship for refrigerants
	Including imports of equipment containing HFCs and/or recycled HFCs in the Kigali Amendment phasedown
	Import/sale restrictions on equipment containing certain refrigerants and on types of refrigerants used for servicing.
Agriculture	No new policies. The consultation document instead reflects the work currently underway, including the He Waka Eke Noa partnership and new investment in Budget 2021
Forestry	No new policies. The consultation document instead reflects the current forestry, climate change and land use work programme

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Areas that are likely to be of significant interest

- Phasing out ICE vehicle imports
- The ambition of the four transport targets
- Managing the diminishing role of natural gas including setting a date for ending new gas connections in buildings and that, in the first budget, the Government will consider setting a timetable for phase out of fossil fuel use in boilers
- Banning the disposal of green and food waste to landfill and/or requiring landfill gas capture on certain sites
- Prohibiting import or sale of products containing HFCs with high global warming potential
- How we are responding to the Commission's recommendations relating to an equitable transition for iwi/Māori
- Lack of new agriculture policies while the He Waka Eke Noa Partnership is developing an on-farm pricing scheme
- The objectives and scope of new work to consider the Commission's advice for forestry, in particular the role of forestry removals in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme.

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The Commission recommended that:

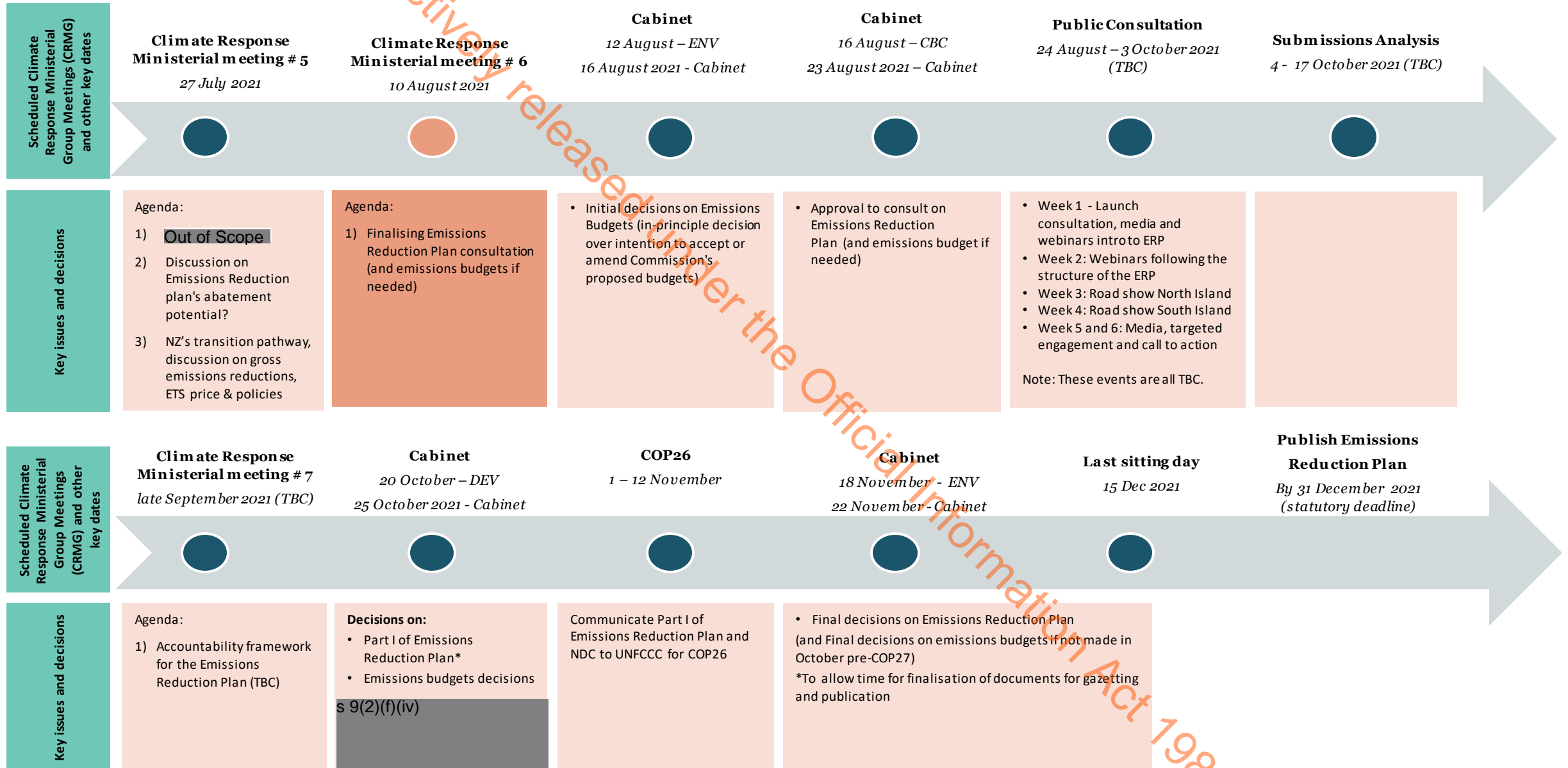
- the Government works in partnership with iwi/Māori and local government to develop a strategy to ensure the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi are embedded in subsequent emissions reduction plans (Recommendation 6).
- in the context of a transition to a low emissions society, central and local government work with iwi/Māori to develop a mechanism to build authentic and enduring partnerships (Recommendation 26).
- the Government work with iwi/Māori to develop a strategy to advance a Māori led approach to an equitable transition for iwi/Māori and the Māori economy (Recommendation 27).

Some elements are constitutional in nature and go beyond the scope of the emissions reduction plan.

They raise questions for all workstreams and agencies, across both mitigation and adaptation, with implications for policy development and resourcing.

The consultation document asks what role would Māori like to play in a Māori-led strategy, and requests Māori opinions on the development of emissions profiles as a first step of the strategy.

Emissions Reduction Plan Timeline



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Next steps

- **Lodge** on 12 August
- **Consideration by the Cabinet Business Committee** on 16 August
- **Cabinet** on 23 August
- **Consultation** from 24 August to 3 October
- **Publish the emissions reduction plan** by 31 December 2021



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Appendix

These slides provide additional material to support the conversation on 10 August 2021.

Consultation process

Consultation will take place from 24 August to 3 October 2021

The consultation document will be available via Citizen Space. This is a widely-used online consultation portal and will allow for effective submission tracking to support analysis. This will be complemented by events, both in-person and online, that are geared towards reaching a wide range of New Zealanders.

Roadshow These in-person events will be delivered with local partners. Each centre will have one public meeting and at least one satellite meeting with a key stakeholder group.	Workshops and meetings These will build on relationships established in pre-consultation engagement and allow for more targeted consultation with vulnerable groups.	Online content and events These will share high-level information in plain language, providing an easy entry-point to consultation. Online events will allow for potential COVID-19 level changes and improve accessibility to content.	Engagement with iwi and Māori Establishing and maintaining networks and ongoing relationships with iwi/Māori to allow for ideas to be tested through the policy development phase.
Auckland	Youth (approx. 16 – 25 years) – via partnership with The Hive	Social media	Iwi and/or Māori groups partnering to support roadshows in a number of locations
Northland	Youth (approx. 7 – 12 years)	Webinars	Focused iwi/Māori content within public consultation events
Taranaki	Disabled community	Emissions reduction plan website	Surveys
Hawke's Bay	Elderly	Ads through NZME (Stuff etc)	Ongoing direct engagement
Wellington	Local government	Partnership with The Hive – targeted youth engagement delivered via social media	Online workshops and webinars
Canterbury (Christchurch City Council)	Business and industry		
West Coast (may change to Nelson due to issues raised around timing – it's calving season. TBC)	Pasifika		
Southland (Hokonui Runanga)			