



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Public Consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill

Portfolio **Climate Change**

On 28 May 2018, following reference from the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV), Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the release of the discussion document *Our Climate Your Say: Consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill* (the discussion document), attached to the submission under CAB-18-SUB-0247, **subject to** any minor or editorial changes that may be required, for a six week public consultation period from 7 June to 19 July 2018;
- 2 **authorised** a group of Ministers, comprising the Minister of Finance, Minister of Energy and Resources, Minister for the Environment, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Forestry, Minister for Climate Change, Associate Minister for the Environment (Hon Eugenie Sage), and the Associate Minister for Transport (Hon Julie Anne Genter), to finalise the discussion document prior to its release;
- 3 **agreed** that the discussion document be shared with the Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group and the Interim Climate Change Committee in-confidence prior to the official release on 7 June;
- 4 **noted** that the discussion document will include a range of options for public consultation, including:
 - 4.1 a new greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for 2050;
 - 4.2 a system of emissions budgets to provide stepping stones to reach the 2050 target;
 - 4.3 an independent Climate Change Commission;
 - 4.4 a range of adaptation measures;
- 5 **noted** that Cabinet has committed to ensuring a just and effective transition, including a transparent and participative approach to climate change policy, which will require wide engagement and consultation with communities, business and iwi/hapū/Māori on the content of the Zero Carbon Bill;
- 6 **noted** that the dual approach to public consultation will include engaging on the technical detail of the Zero Carbon Bill proposals and facilitating a national conversation around climate change;

- 7 **invited** the Minister for Climate Change to report back to ENV in August 2018 seeking final policy decisions, with a view to introducing the Zero Carbon Bill to Parliament by 31 October 2018;
- 8 **noted** that the Minister for Climate Change intends to proactively release the paper under CAB-18-SUB-0247 on the Ministry for the Environment's website, subject to appropriate withholdings under the Official Information Act 1982.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Hard-copy distribution:

Prime Minister
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Climate Change