



# Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Extending the Climate Change Commission's Statutory Deadlines

**Portfolio**                      **Climate Change**

On 25 June 2020, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

- 1        **noted** that on 14 May 2020, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee considered the impacts of COVID-19 on the Climate Change Commission's ability to deliver its advice on the first three emissions budgets and the first emissions reduction plan by 1 February 2021, as required under sections 5ZA and 5ZH of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 [ENV-20-MIN-0017];
- 2        **noted** that the Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Reform) Amendment Act 2020 provides a new flexible power for the Minister for Climate Change to extend the deadline for the Climate Change Commission's advice on the first three emissions budgets and the first emissions reduction plan;
- 3        **noted** that this power can only be exercised by way of notice in the New Zealand Gazette;
- 4        **agreed** to extend the deadlines for the Climate Change Commission's advice on the first three emissions budgets and the first emissions reduction plan by four months to 31 May 2021;
- 5        **noted** that any risks to the government's ability to meet its statutory timeframes to notify emissions budgets and publish an emissions reduction plan by 31 December 2021 will be mitigated by the Commission issuing draft advice by 1 February 2021 and inviting government officials to observe its consultation process on the draft advice.

Vivien Meek  
Committee Secretary

**Present:**

Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon David Parker (Chair)  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon James Shaw  
Hon Eugenie Sage

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for ENV