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Thank you for your email of 4 June 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

MfE has published information about an independent reference group on climate adaptation on the below page. <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/climate-change/adapting-to-climate-change/adaptation-framework/>

I would like to request under the official information act, information about the set up and parameters of this group including how it was selected, the terms of reference and what outcomes will be published from the group.

The Ministry is leading policy work to develop an adaptation framework to ensure New Zealand adapts to climate change in a way that minimises overall long-term costs to New Zealand and New Zealanders, while recognising that there are issues of well-being, fairness, transition, and specific Māori interests to be addressed.

A Ministry-led independent reference group (the Group) was established to assist with the development of policy for the Adaptation Framework.

Establishment of the Group

The Group comprises six members including a Chair. The members have skills, experience and knowledge of working in or with sectors that are, or are likely to be, affected by natural hazard risk, including local government and insurance.

From an initial longlist, the Ministry made a shortlist that included one person who was nominated by the Local Government Steering Group. Proactive checks were done for all shortlisted candidates, including a CV review, a media scan, conflict of interest check, and Disqualified Director check.

Key outcomes

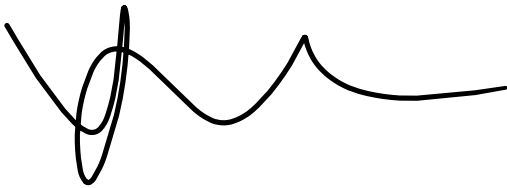
The Group is testing ideas and providing practical insights to support policy development for the Adaptation Framework. The Ministry will decide on the form of the advice provided by the Group; it may include meetings with officials and the Minister of Climate Change, commentary on papers produced by officials or third parties, and participation in 'deep dives' on specific topics.

More information about the Group can be found in the terms of reference, which has been provided to you in full.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sara Clarke,
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Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao