

Meeting with Gavin Newsom, Governor of California

Friday 27 May, Time TBC, San Francisco Botanic Gardens



Gavin Newsom was elected Governor of California in 2018 having previously served as the 49th Lieutenant Governor of California from 2011 to 2019 and as the 42nd mayor of San Francisco from 2004 to 2011. As Governor of California Newsom is one of the most prominent Democrats in the United States. He has been an outspoken leader on issues ranging from same-sex marriage, gun-control and marijuana legalisation. Most recently Newsom has vocalised strong opposition to the possibility of the Supreme Court overturning the right for women to access abortions. Governor Newsom is married to Jennifer Siebel Newsom and they have four young children ranging: Montana, Hunter, Brooklyn, and Dutch.

Agenda – Kaupapataka

You will have a relaxed discussion with the Governor and his Cabinet Secretaries. Following the discussion you and the Governor will be joined by the business and media delegations. [TBC: This will provide a moment to announce the Memorandum of Cooperation between New Zealand and California on climate, followed by a joint press statement.]

Objectives – Whāinga

- To establish a relationship with Governor Newsom, one of the leading figures in the US Democratic Party s6(a)
- To discuss shared climate priorities and how New Zealand and the United States can cooperate to achieve our climate goals.
- To highlight the value Aotearoa New Zealand places on our relationship with California, which is the gateway for New Zealanders travelling to the United States and the home base for the New Zealand Government's presence on the West Coast.

Talking points – Pito korero

Opening remarks

- You may wish to highlight the priority you placed on meeting with him in California in the context of what has been a busy and complex US programme.
- You may also want to note the existing cooperation that exists between New Zealand and California on climate change, as reflected in the Joint Statement that was released between New Zealand, California and Quebec at COP 23.

The Aotearoa New Zealand – California relationship

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- New Zealand places significant value on our relationship with California. As well as being the home to our Consulate on the West Coast it is the gateway for our people when they travel to the United States and for our products that destined for the US market.
- Register the value California has for us, as the longest standing gateway to the US for our products and people. It has been particularly important during the pandemic as Los Angeles was our only direct passenger flightpath to North America.
- New Zealand exporters also see the state as a critical hub with some of our largest US exporters in the region (Mainfreight, Vista Entertainment, Rocket Lab), and more than a third of our total US exports comes through California ports each year.
- It is also has extraordinary value as a hub for creative industries and the screen sector. We have a strong relationship the screen sector and production companies, and partner on international productions that contribute between \$600-\$900m NZD into our economy each year, directly benefiting the regions where they film.

Climate Change

In the lead up to this trip we negotiated an arrangement between New Zealand – California to formalise our cooperation on climate change [TBC].

California is a world leader on climate action and home to some of the most innovative climate technology companies. The Governor has also signed an executive order requiring all new passenger cars and trucks sold in the state to be emission-free by 2035.

At COP 26 last November Minister Shaw released a Joint Declaration on Cooperation in the fight against Climate Change with counterparts for California and Quebec. This had a focus on carbon pricing as California and Quebec both fall under the Western Climate Initiative, a cap and trade system similar to the New Zealand emissions trading system. s9(2)(j)

Aotearoa New Zealand's climate priorities

- New Zealand recognises the urgent need to address climate change. Last year we increased our NDC to -50% net emissions on 2005 gross levels by 2030, and quadrupled our climate finance.
- We are taking action to decarbonise our economy and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Our Emissions Reduction Plan details what we will do to ensure we decarbonise, and that our economy is productive, sustainable and inclusive.

Transport and agricultural emissions

- Reducing transport emissions is a priority for New Zealand – as the second largest contributor to our emissions profile. We have strong incentives in place to support the take up of hybrid and electric vehicles – providing rebates for these vehicles and placing fees on high emissions vehicles. We have also set a target for zero emissions vehicles to reach a 30 percent share of our fleet by 2035. We will be looking to secure electric vehicle supply to meet this target, and would welcome engagement with California.
- Agricultural climate action is a priority for New Zealand – in playing our part to keep global warming to 1.5C and support food security. We are taking leading action on this including through absolute emissions reduction targets for biogenic methane, pricing agricultural emissions from 2025 and our work through the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases.
- I see real potential for New Zealand to work with the United States, and important agricultural producing states like California that are also known leaders on climate change action, to rally global efforts for more sustainable low emissions agriculture systems, and to provide more transparency for consumers on the sustainability of their food choices.

Emissions trading scheme cooperation and linkages

- New Zealand sees a strong role for carbon pricing as being an effective means for reducing emissions. This is also an area where we want to see greater international cooperation.
- We welcomed the Joint Declaration on Cooperation in the fight against Climate Change that was released by New Zealand Minister of Climate Change and Chair of the California Air Resources Board Liane Randolph.
- To meet our climate targets New Zealand is going to prioritise domestic action through our Emissions Reduction Plan. But we are looking to go beyond what is achievable domestically, and will also rely on our ability to access offshore emissions reductions to complement this domestic action. We are keen to progress our conversations with California on how we can cooperate to support these objectives.

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Attachments: 2022_MOC_CA_NZ_draft_220517.docx

Hi Todd and Sharon

I have quickly reviewed the proposed Californian MOU

In terms of sectoral subject matter in **preamble, sections 1, 2, 4**

Primarily these documents setup a shopping list of things you **may** do. From MBIE's perspective the possible areas of cooperation under the title 'clean energy'; are generally things that could be of use or value to us.

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Regarding coordination and contact point (**sections 3 and 5**) I note Todd you say

- MfE – re coordination and contact point (**sections 3 and 5**) – we assume that MfE as the one-to-one counterpart to CARB and ERP lead would be the appropriate coordinating agency / contact point if this were to go ahead; can you provide your thoughts?

Im not sure which of the California Environmental Protection Agency, the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Department of Food and Agriculture is the CARB you refer to as the letters don't match but agree given the documents focus that MfE is primary.

And by "ERP lead would be the appropriate coordinating agency / contact point" I assume you mean the NZ Environmental Protection Agency, in which case MBIE agrees.

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Hi Todd

We've chatted about this internally and have nothing to add at this stage. It's high level enough to cover/provide hooks for all the cooperation we would consider/undertake in relation to ag.

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Thanks, we'll ponder and get back to you ASAP

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Hi Lou,

Drafted by California – I'm not exactly sure but think it is combination of their Governor's office and the Californian Air Resources Board (agency responsible for climate policy in NZ).

I believe there is scope to add substance and direction – noting two caveats 1) time and approval on both sides; and 2) a need to be consider the balance overall. On the positive side I noted in the list of agencies that this is broadened up.

In terms of forward timeframes – we would need to turn this around and get agreement from both sides in the next week and a half. Really happy to work closely with you on that; I think the next steps would be consolidating a response to California (essential green, red, amber (with tweaks / additions)).

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Thanks Todd

I'll forward this around a few people here to consider. From an MPI perspective it all looks 'doable' rather than 'impossible'.

A bit of further context would be useful before forwarding this around for comment... who drafted the memorandum?
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Ngā mihi
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Thanks Todd, our more detailed comments and text suggestion follow. I thought I would get in quick before the Monday deadline to ensure other agencies had the opportunity to review.

- DOC supports international collaboration to identify and develop mitigation solutions across all sectors, and recognises that California's significant resources, technical expertise and economies of scale will provide opportunities for NZ to learn from.
- We support the reference to biodiversity protection with respect to climate-smart agriculture, and recommend strengthening this by adding 'and enhances biodiversity', under both this section and the section on nature-based solutions. This language would better align this with our International Climate Change Engagement Plan.
- Related to this, we would consider the current item under NBS "*Promoting market development for climate smart food, fiber, flora and fuel products via investment in value-add manufacturing and processing infrastructure, technical assistance and government procurement programs*" may in fact sit better in the agricultural section. It does not align very well with the NBS standard used in Te Mana o te Taiao - the Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy.
- We suggest an addition point is added under the NBS heading: 'Promote cooperation and information sharing on policy measures and incentives to promote nature-based solutions to mitigation and adaptation that enhance biodiversity and ecosystem resilience.'
- Also under the NBS heading, we note the text only refers to 'land-based emissions' and were not clear whether the intention was to exclude 'removals'. It may be helpful to refer to either 'net emissions' or 'emissions and removals', for the avoidance of doubt. We also suggest including 'additional' and 'long-term' among the identified environmental integrity criteria, as important elements for NZ's accounting approaches.
- Recalling the IEP objective for engaging with US includes "Cooperate on increasing Pacific resilience", we recommend adding a few brief references to the Pacific. This is merely a contribution and of course we defer to MFAT Pacific and CC colleagues as to whether the suggestions are appropriate in this context.

In the Preamble

WHEREAS the opportunities to combat climate change, and to protect the environment and human health, and optimize the quality of life for the inhabitants of California and New Zealand and our Pacific neighbours, are plentiful;

And linking to Objective c)

To ensure efforts to address the climate crisis support equity, and environmental and economic goals, *including in the Pacific as appropriate*;

And in Section IV

d) Share information and experiences regarding policies and programs, as well as policy design and capacity building support including in our Pacific neighbourhoods as appropriate;

g) Participate in other commitments and/or initiatives, including Pacific regional, multilateral consortia, and innovation hubs;

- As a final side note, we support that the arrangement as drafted does not include any formal commitment to link ETSs. We would caution any development that links our ETS with overseas systems which we consider could limit our ability to make the NZ ETS more supportive of NBSs, which we consider to be an important aspiration.

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Hello all,

Thank you for the quick turn around on comments on the document.

The attached is a version with questions for specific people (Shea-lee, Sigurd/Ewan, Danica, Francesca).

- In general, we've heard comfort from all agencies with the subject matter proposed (with the proviso that expectations are managed).
- There are three areas where it may be desirable to add further content – **MoT** on EV supply, **DoC** on NBS, **MBIE** on circular economy.
- There are tweaks to legal language needed.
- We will need to provide a contact point.

To enable California to proceed on the textual comments we do have on their Friday; I will go to them with our legal comments and a version of this that flags the three areas we may want to add content. This will enable the text to be largely finalised.

If, MoT, DoC and MBIE can come back with any additional text they want in those respective areas by mid-day **Monday** – we can pass those to the Californian's and get them agreed.

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Todd,

Please see and review inserted text from MoT on EV supply as requested ("There are three areas where it may be desirable to add further content – MoT on EV supply, DoC on NBS, MBIE on circular economy.")

We have inserted the text into the version of the document we got from James over the weekend containing feedback from Governor's office.

Any questions about the proposed text, please let Ewan or I know.

Regards,
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Kia ora Billie,

That's great to hear!

I think a Deputy Secretary level contact point would be ideal. California's contact point Shereen D'Souza is at the tier two level within the California EPA and it would be preferable to have equivalence. For context, the California EPA is California's lead agency on climate change and has an annual budget of approximately USD \$10 billion so even if they are a state government body they are a pretty large.

Regards

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Hi James

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Confirming MfE can be noted as the coordinating agency on the New Zealand side. Can you clarify if you need a Dep Sec level name as equivalent to the EPA name for the text, or whether there is flexibility in that regard?

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Kia our koutou,

Find attached a version of the MoC with some feedback the Governor's office. They have also indicated that they are happy to review any further additions/suggestions on Monday.

I have separately asked if they could confirm their comfort with the treaty language changes so we can accept those in the next version and I am waiting to hear back.

Thanks again for everyone's work on this and I hope you all are enjoying a relaxing weekend.

Kinds regards

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Hello all,

Thank you for the quick turn around on comments on the document.

The attached is a version with questions for specific people (Shea-lee, Sigurd/Ewan, Danica, Francesca).

- In general, we've heard comfort from all agencies with the subject matter proposed (with the proviso that expectations are managed).

- There are three areas where it may be desirable to add further content – **MoT** on EV supply, **DoC** on NBS, **MBIE** on circular economy.
- There are tweaks to legal language needed.
- We will need to provide a contact point.

To enable California to proceed on the textual comments we do have on their Friday; I will go to them with our legal comments and a version of this that flags the three areas we may want to add content. This will enable the text to be largely finalised.

If, MoT, DoC and MBIE can come back with any additional text they want in those respective areas by mid-day **Monday** – we can pass those to the Californian's and get them agreed.

Many thanks,
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Subject: Prime Minister - Californian proposal for a memorandum of cooperation with New Zealand - seeking agency views

Importance: High

Hello all,

With the PM visiting California – California have identified the possibility of closer cooperation on a number of climate change areas, and including this in a non-binding memorandum of cooperation. They have provided a draft of this, which is attached.

In our view there is considerable upside in deepening our avenues for cooperation with California – including cooperation on key areas of our transition with the world's 5th largest economy, which has been taking strong measures for a number of years; and providing a framework for cooperation beyond the Californian Air Resources Board.

We have been asked to provide **today** an indication of whether signing such a memorandum might be doable or would be impossible. We would then work with California to finalise the memo by the end of next week. Colleagues have foreshadowed that this might be challenging to turn around in the time available – but, as stated there is value in this.

Could you please provide an indication by COP today on impossible vs doable. The key areas in the document to focus on are as follows:

- MfE, DOC, MPI, MoT – climate change and sectoral subject matter in **preamble, sections 1, 2, 4**
 - [Question to MfE – presume you are the right agency re circular economy, otherwise please provide contact point]
- MfE – re coordination and contact point (**sections 3 and 5**) – we assume that MfE as the one-to-one counterpart to CARB and ERP lead would be the appropriate coordinating agency / contact point if this were to go ahead; can you provide your thoughts?

Based on whether this look doable or not, we would then come back to you in slightly slower time with a proposal for seeking views on the substantive content (omissions, no goes, tweaks and inclusions) to then iterate with California.

Many thanks,
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