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Tēna koe Tania

Official information request

Thank you for your query made through the FYI website on 10 March 2019. I note that you are requesting information, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), on the following:

- 1. The present government's position in regard to New Zealand's present and future obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) including the position to be taken by New Zealand at UNFCCC Conferences of Parties (COP) and New Zealand's obligations under the Paris Agreement applying from 2021 including New Zealand's Nationally Determined Contribution;*
- 2. Results and analyses of the public consultation on the proposed Zero Carbon legislation;*
- 3. Information on and decisions made by the present government as to present and future government policy relating to addressing New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions.*
- 4. Information regarding consideration by the present government of the impact on Maori of measures implemented to address climate change.*
- 5. Engagement with Maori on the impact of the adverse effects of climate change and the impact of measures to address climate change on Maori.*

We are currently progressing your request.

Clarification required for your questions 3 to 5

We have carefully considered your questions 3 to 5 with respect to government decisions on greenhouse gas emissions, consideration of the impacts on Māori of measures to address climate change, and engagement with Māori on adverse effects of climate change. These questions are quite broad. We are considering your OIA request as a whole but would require clarifications on the above three points so that we can best answer your query.

In particular, could you specify:

- if you are seeking formal advice (which would have been presented to and/or considered by the Minister for Climate Change) contained in briefing papers, or some other type of documentation?
- the issues you would like your request to relate to? Based on your original request, we would like to confirm that the issues you are interested in cover the following:
 - Question 3. Advice to the Minister for Climate Change on the range of options considered by the Government to address greenhouse gas emissions
 - Question 4. Advice to the Minister for Climate Change on how measures to address climate change may specifically impact Māori (please specify if you have any particular measure or policy in mind)
 - Question 5. Engagement with Māori conducted by the Ministry and/or Minister on the Zero Carbon Bill and New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) review consultation between April 2018 and March 2019, including engagement plans and hui minutes. The Zero Carbon Bill and the NZ ETS are the two key climate change policy projects that the Ministry has consulted on since the election of the present Government.

Please note that, if climate change policies are currently being considered or developed by the present Government, the information used in developing these policies may still be under active consideration and withheld for the time being, or assessment of their impacts may have yet to be made.

We kindly request that you clarify or amend your questions 3 to 5 to enable us to respond in the most effective manner. Please note that any clarification or amendment of a request is considered to be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response, pursuant to section 15(1AA) of the OIA.

Queries

If you have any questions about how to clarify your request, please contact the MfE Executive Relations team at ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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