

4 November 2021

Dear 

Re: OIA: 26/08/21 EECA Board paper

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) on Monday 11 October for the board report of 26 August 2021.

EECA has provided a copy of the requested document, and we have again reassessed all the information in the document.

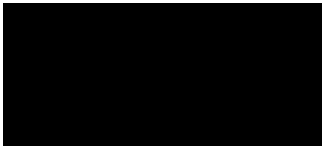
Some information in the document is still being actively considered and is withheld under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA in order to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Information previously out of scope, related to the proposed National Direction on Greenhouse Gas Emissions has also been withheld, under section 18(d) of the OIA. This information is currently in the process of being proactively released by the Government, and so is withheld on the basis it will soon be released. Some information on the Nationally Determined Contribution is also withheld for the same reason.

Also note that since your last request, the Emissions Reduction Plan has been released for public consultation alongside information about emissions budgets, hence some information previously withheld is now released in the paper.

You have the right under section 28 of the Act to seek a review by the Ombudsman of the response EECA has provided to your request.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Caseley
Chief Executive

Meeting Date	26/08/2021
Subject	Energy and Emission Policy Update and EECA Involvement and Impact
Purpose	To provide an update on significant policy developments relevant to EECA for National Direction on greenhouse gas emissions, Resource Management Act reforms, and the Emissions Reduction Plan.
Action sought	To Note
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Summary

1. This paper provides the Board with an update on significant policy developments relevant to EECA. This includes:
 - a. The proposed National Direction on Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - b. The broader Resource Management Act reforms
 - c. The Emissions Reduction Plan.

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National Direction on Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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Broader Resource Management Act reforms

14. In February 2021, the Government announced it would repeal the RMA and enact new legislation based on the recommendations of the Resource Management Review Panel. The three proposed acts are:
 - a. A **Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA)**, to provide for land use and environmental regulation. This is the main legislation proposed to replace the RMA;
 - b. A **Strategic Planning Act (SPA)**, to integrate with other legislation relevant to development, and require long-term regional spatial strategies;
 - c. A **Climate Adaptation Act (CAA)**, to address complex issues associated with managed retreat.
15. An exposure draft of the NBA was released for public consultation in late June. The Government aims to introduce the NBA into the House before the end of 2021, and for it to pass into law before the end of 2022. The remainder of the reforms will be passed into law before the end of the current parliamentary term (2023).

16. These reforms will not impact National Direction on GHG emissions, as it will be drafted in a way that can be reflected under the new Act. EECA is also monitoring the Government's overarching RMA reforms, as these have interlinkages with EECA's work programme and strategic focus areas, particularly with its climate change and emissions reduction objective.

Emissions Reduction Plan and Emissions Budgets

Cabinet will soon consider its position on the Climate Commission's recommended emissions budgets

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17. Cabinet will soon consider a Cabinet paper from the Minister of Climate Change which seeks in-principle agreement to the Climate Change Commission's recommended emissions budgets, [REDACTED]
18. The Cabinet paper directs officials to report back by 31 October with final recommendations on setting emissions budgets and responding to the Commission's advice related to emissions budgets.

The Government will soon consult publicly on its draft Emissions Reduction Plan

19. The Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) is required to be in place by the end of the year and will set out the Government's plan to meet the emissions budgets. EECA policies and programmes feature prominently in the current draft ERP.
20. EECA has provided input to key sector chapters of the ERP, including Transport, Energy and Industry and Building and Construction. EECA has also been involved in other elements of the ERP, including related to research, science and innovation, funding and finance, bioeconomy and behaviour change.
21. The Government will consult publicly on the key elements of the ERP from 24 August to 4 October. EECA will support MfE's submissions analysis (including providing a secondee analyst) from 4 - 15 October.
22. EECA's understanding is that the ERP will show a significant shortfall between the level of emissions under the Climate Change Commission's recommended emissions budgets and the projected emissions abatement from current and proposed policies in the draft ERP.

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No consultation is being undertaken on the Nationally Determined Contribution

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[REDACTED] New Zealand's current NDC is to reduce emissions by 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, and the Climate Change Commission recommended this be increased to at least 36 percent (and ideally much higher).

24. Once a decision on any change has been made, this will be communicated by the Minister for Climate Change at the Conference of Parties (COP) 26 in Glasgow in November.

Recommendations

25. It is recommended that the Board:
- a. **Note** and **Discuss** the contents of this paper, particularly as it relates to EECA.

Marcos Pelenur
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