

Progress report: National Adaptation Plan

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Recommendation 1:

Enable effective local adaptation planning and action

We recommend that, in the adaptation framework, the Government set out:

- a) a clear legislative mandate for adaptation planning and action at the local level
- b) clear roles and responsibilities at national and local levels
- c) clear and inclusive processes and methods for adaptation planning and decision-making

Recommendation 1: continued

We recommend that each of these elements be set out for the following specific processes and areas:

d) local community adaptation planning

e) planning for managed retreat

f) the development, collection and communication of risk information

Recommendation 2:

Provide clarity on how adaptation costs will be shared and met

We recommend that the adaptation framework set out clearly:

- a) how the costs of local adaptation planning and implementation will be shared.
- b) how costs of climate-related losses will be addressed and met.

Recommendation 2: continued

To meet future adaptation costs, we recommend that the adaptation framework also set out:

- c) new targeted funding and financing instruments (public and private)
- d) how targeted financial instruments could support adaptation
- e) how private investments can effectively account for risks arising from climate change while supporting inclusive and equitable processes and outcomes.

Recommendation 3:

Ensure iwi/Māori can plan for and carry out adaptation action

We recommend that the legislative framework and institutional arrangements for adaptation include a range of decision-making and funding models, established by central and local government in partnership with iwi/Māori, so that iwi/Māori can plan, carry out and participate in adaptation processes in line with their tikanga and whakaaro tau (priorities).

Further recommendations

Recommendation 4: Improve the science and research system to support good adaptation outcomes

Recommendation 5: Consider and address the distributional costs and impacts of climate change so that they do not fall unfairly on particular communities and groups

Recommendation 6: Prepare a strategy and plan to develop the climate adaptation workforce

Further recommendations

Recommendation 7: Facilitate access, availability and sharing of resources, expertise and information

Recommendation 8: Make the direction, scale and pace of change required clear

Recommendation 9: Make improvements to support monitoring, and continual learning and improvement within a dynamic environment