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Tēnā koe Minister

Report on the domestic contribution to NDC2

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17 June 2024. Your letter requests advice from the Climate Change Commission (Commission) under Section 5K of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (the Act) in relation to New Zealand's second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC2). Your letter also requests feedback or acceptance of the draft Terms of Reference proposed.

On behalf of the Commission, I accept the Terms of Reference, noting that the requirements for Ministerial consultation with the Commission under Section 5K(2) of the Act have been met and that this request replaces the request (and related Terms of Reference) made by the previous Government on NDC2 in October 2023. I also note that no additional funding has been provided for this work.

Approach to the work

I acknowledge the delivery date of 31 October to allow for the analysis to inform Government decisions on NDC2. To align with our other work in this timeframe, the Commission will base the NDC2 report on the modelling work used in the *draft* advice on the 2050 target and the fourth emissions budget. For the final 2050 target and budget advice due in December 2024, we will update this modelling for new information (greenhouse gas inventory and updated projections) and feedback from the current consultation. As a result, the NDC2 report may not completely align with the final budgets and 2050 target advice, which is an unavoidable consequence of the tight delivery timeframes.

Next steps

Please provide a finalised version of the Terms of Reference, which we will publish on our website, along with our related correspondence.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Carr', written in a cursive style.

Dr Rod Carr
Chair of He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission