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Dear Rod

I am writing to request a report from the Climate Change Commission on levels of domestic emissions reduction New Zealand could feasibly achieve as part of its second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC2) and to provide the terms of reference for this request.

I make this request under s5K of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (the Act), which provides for the Minister of Climate Change to request reports from the Commission on matters relating to climate change. This request for advice on NDC2 replaces the advice previously requested from the Commission by the previous Government on NDC2 in October 2023.

REPORT ON THE DOMESTIC CONTRIBUTION TO NDC2

The purpose of this request is to support the Government to determine the level of NDC2 and to support a more strategic view of the approach to delivering progressively more ambitious NDCs over time.

I am requesting the Commission identify range of technically and economically achievable domestic emissions levels for the NDC2 period 2031-2035, consistent with different domestic emissions trajectories to 2050, along with the corresponding range of headline percentage reductions for NDC2 based solely on those domestic emissions levels.

I am not seeking the Commission's advice on broader aspects the Government will need to consider when setting NDC2, such as emission reductions that would be consistent with the 1.5°C temperature goal of the Paris Agreement or the role of international cooperation for NDC2.

NEXT STEPS

I expect your advice to be delivered by 31 October 2024. I encourage you to align this advice with your related analysis on New Zealand's 2050 target and emissions budgets as much as possible.

The draft terms of reference are attached to this letter. Officials have consulted with your staff to draft the terms of reference.

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Please provide your feedback on the terms of reference or indicate your acceptance in writing. I understand that once they are finalised, you will make the terms of reference publicly available in accordance with s5K(3)(a) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Watts', written over a horizontal line.

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