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Dear Rod

Further to my letter of 17 June, I am writing to confirm my request for advice 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 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

Following consultation with you as per section 5K(2) of the Act, I have finalised the terms of reference for this work. The terms of reference are attached to this letter, and I expect you to make them publicly available in accordance with section 5K(3)(a) of the Act. I expect your advice to be delivered by 31 October 2024.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simon Watts', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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