



Ministry for the  
**Environment**  
*Manatū Mō Te Taiao*

# Status Report

Minister for Climate Change Issues

Week beginning 29 October 2012

No meeting scheduled



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Seen by Hon Tim Groser  
Minister for Climate Change Issues

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Seen by Hon Simon Bridges  
Associate Minister for Climate Change Issues

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**International Climate Change Negotiations: Doha Negotiating Mandate**

**Lead Dept:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Director:** Peter Brunt

**Date to Cabinet:** 6 Nov

This paper updates New Zealand's existing international climate change negotiating mandate ahead of the Doha climate change conference (26 November – 7 December). It prepares the ground for a decision on whether New Zealand will take a second commitment under the Kyoto Protocol following the expiry of the first commitment period on 31 December 2012.

**Our Advice:** We actively contributed input to draft papers seen by the Minister and OEGI. We agreed with the recommendations of the paper, including the decision to defer to March consideration of whether New Zealand takes a Convention Track target or a CP2 commitment, the level of mitigation ambition, and elaboration of the type of framework it will apply so an assessment of the Doha meeting's outcomes can be incorporated.

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