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Tēnā koe Tania

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), which we received through the FYI website on 10 March 2019. I note that your query covers the following:

- 1. The present government's position in regard to New Zealand's present and future obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) including the position to be taken by New Zealand at UNFCCC Conferences of Parties (COP) and New Zealand's obligations under the Paris Agreement applying from 2021 including New Zealand's Nationally Determined Contribution;*
- 2. Results and analyses of the public consultation on the proposed Zero Carbon legislation;*
- 3. Information on and decisions made by the present government as to present and future government policy relating to addressing New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions.*
- 4. Information regarding consideration by the present government of the impact on Maori of measures implemented to address climate change.*
- 5. Engagement with Maori on the impact of the adverse effects of climate change and the impact of measures to address climate change on Maori.*

We contacted you on 19 March to seek clarification on your questions 3 to 5. In the meantime, I would like to provide you with an answer to your first two questions.

### **1. New Zealand's obligations under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement**

The information in the first part of your request for the present Government's position on New Zealand's obligations under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement is publicly available online.

The Cabinet-approved mandate for climate change negotiations can be accessed on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade at the following link, under "Our international climate change 2018 negotiating mandate": <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/environment/climate-change/>.

The National Interest Analysis that was prepared for New Zealand's ratification of the Paris Agreement details the obligations placed by the Paris Agreement on New Zealand. This is available on Parliament's website:

[https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/00DBSCH\\_ITR\\_69746\\_1/78aeee3af9672be07fa005a3898fcb3e48f2e58](https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/00DBSCH_ITR_69746_1/78aeee3af9672be07fa005a3898fcb3e48f2e58).

### **2. Public consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill**

The information in the second part of your request for the results and analyses of consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill is also publicly available on the website of the Ministry for the Environment.

The summary of submissions on the Zero Carbon Bill is available at the following link:

<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/node/24401>.

The submissions themselves can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/node/24411>.

I trust the above documents will provide you with the information you are after. As they are public documents, I am declining the first two questions of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA. Once we have received and treated your clarifications on questions 3 to 5, we will provide you with an answer as part of a new OIA request, pursuant to section 15(1AA) of the OIA.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Ngā mihi nui



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