

Annex Three: Government presentation on next steps for responding to emissions budgets

Next steps for responding to emissions budgets

The Commission's role is to provide independent expert advice on climate change matters, including emissions budgets.

The Government remains the decision maker.

Before taking decisions on emissions budgets the Minister of Climate Change must follow the process and requirements set out in the Climate Change Response Act 2002.

This includes:

- Ensuring the Commission's consultation has been adequate
- Having particular regard to how emissions budgets can be realistically met
- Having regard to a number of other matters.

The first three emissions budgets must be in place by 31 December 2021.

Next steps for the emissions reduction plan

In preparing the emissions reduction plan, the Minister of Climate Change must:

- consider the advice received from the Climate Change Commission for meeting emissions budgets
- ensure that consultation has been adequate, including with sector representatives, affected communities, and iwi and Māori

The plan must include:

- sector-specific policies
- a multi-sector strategy to meet emissions budgets and improve the ability of those sectors to adapt to the effects of climate change
- a strategy to mitigate the impacts of emissions reduction policies, in particular the impacts on employees and employers, regions, iwi and Māori
- any other policies or strategies that the Minister considers necessary.

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