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Kia ora,

New Zealand Crown Research Institute review (our OIA 2021/14)

I am writing regarding the New Zealand Crown Research Institute review, and climate change information more generally (such as climate scenarios).

The McGuinness Institute understands that a government-led review of New Zealand's science and innovation sector, and specifically Crown Research Institutes, is currently in progress. We are currently in the process of exploring who is working on establishing Aotearoa New Zealand reference climate scenarios. You may be interested in our work here: <https://www.mcguinnessinstitute.org/reference-climate-scenarios>.

I am writing to see if you could answer the following four questions:

Question 1: Is the review ongoing and if yes, when might the resulting report be published?

Question 2: Is there an opportunity for the Institute to provide a submission and/or meet to discuss access/preparation of climate change data/scenarios?

Question 3: Is there any consideration (in the review or more broadly) of MBIE or a CRI being designated responsibility to create climate scenarios?

Question 4: Is NIWA required under legislation to produce climate scenarios? If yes, where is that requirement stipulated in the legislation? Alternatively (or in addition), if it is implied or agreed in the Budget, can you please provide the detail and/or links to the relevant document/s?

Question 5: Has reference climate scenarios (or their equivalent, see our tentative definition below) been discussed in any Cabinet Papers or reports. If yes, please forward a copy of the Cabinet Paper/s?

Working definition:

Reference climate scenarios refer to three or four synthesised narratives that describe plausible futures for Aotearoa New Zealand based on the latest science and how we might respond. Each scenario will recognise a diverse range of uncertainties and assumptions about the future. Together they will deliver a shared understanding of what the future might look like, and by doing so, provide more certainty over policy, improve public discourse and debate through developing a common language, establish a platform for reporting climate risks, support urgent action, shape decision-making and create a more cohesive and equitable Aotearoa New Zealand.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi,

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