



Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

McGuinness Institute title:
[ENV-18-MIN-0011] Framework for
Climate Change Policy and Key
Upcoming Decisions

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Framework for Climate Change Policy and Key Upcoming Decisions

Portfolio **Climate Change**

On 8 May 2018, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

- 1 **approved** the following three fundamental pillars which together underpin the all-of-government framework for climate change:
 - 1.1 leadership at home and internationally;
 - 1.2 a productive, sustainable and climate-resilient economy;
 - 1.3 a just and inclusive society;

- 2 **approved** the proposed 2020 outcomes to ensure that:
 - 2.1.1 by the end of 2019, the government will put in place the necessary enduring institutional architecture to enable a just transition to a net-zero emissions economy;
 - 2.1.2 and that, by 2020, New Zealand will:
 - 2.1.2.1 demonstrate its commitment to leadership on climate change and promote global action to achieve the Paris Agreement 1.5/2-degree goal;
 - 2.1.2.2 be on track to meeting our first emissions budget under the proposed Zero Carbon Act;

- 3 **agreed** the all-of-government framework in *Figure 1* to serve as the basis for climate change policy development and Ministerial decision-making, including understanding and balancing trade-offs across portfolios;

- 4 **noted** the all-of-government framework will assist Ministers to make key upcoming decisions in 2018 and 2019, as outlined in *Appendix 1*;

- 5 **noted** the framework will also support:
 - 5.1 the development of a Climate Policy Impact Assessment (CPIA) proposal, which officials from the Treasury and Ministry for the Environment are developing together as part of a wider set of changes to the Government's Regulatory Management System, and which the Minister for Climate Change intends to introduce to Ministers by the end of 2018;

- 5.2 the ongoing programme of policy work by the interagency Transition Hub, which will form the basis of the 2050 Climate Change Transition Strategy;
- 5.3 delivering on the government's economic strategy and 12 priority outcomes, in particular the transition to a clean, green and carbon-neutral New Zealand;
- 6 **noted** the Minister for Climate Change will return to Cabinet in late May 2018 with a range of options for public consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill;
- 7 **noted** the Treasury and Ministry for the Environment will further investigate options for reporting on the financial implications of legislated climate change targets and progress towards them, which will be available to inform final Cabinet policy decisions on a target for inclusion in the Zero Carbon Bill;
- 8 **agreed** that the Minister for Climate Change proactively release the paper under ENV-18-SUB-0011 on the Ministry for the Environment's website.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker (Chair)
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon James Shaw
Hon Julie Anne Genter
Hon Eugenie Sage

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for ENV

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Minister for Climate Change

The all-of-government framework for climate change policy and decision-making

