



## PROACTIVE RELEASE COVERSHEET

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### List of documents that have been proactively released

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18 September 2023	Cabinet paper - Governance Entity for the Māori Climate Platform	Office of the Minister for the Environment
2 October	Cabinet Minute - Governance Entity for the Māori Climate Platform	Secretary of the Cabinet

### Information redacted **YES**

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### Summary of reasons for redaction

Some information has been withheld for the reasons of confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers, and free and frank advice between Ministers and crown officials.



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Governance Entity for the Māori Climate Platform

Portfolio                      Climate Change

On 2 October 2023, following reference from the Cabinet Business Committee, Cabinet:


- 1        **noted** that in March 2022, the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti Committee:
  - 1.1      agreed to establish a Māori climate platform;
  - 1.2      noted the two-phase approach to establish the platform;
  - 1.3      noted that subject to funding, the Minister of Climate Change (the Minister) would report back to Cabinet with options for phase two, which would seek agreement for a more enduring mechanism for Māori partnership and representation across the climate response;

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- 2        **noted** that as part of Budget 2022, Cabinet:
  - 2.1      agreed to activate kaupapa Māori, tangata Māori solutions for climate change, subject to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Climate Change agreeing to proposals for phase two: the more enduring form of the platform to support Māori climate action;
  - 2.2      agreed to establish a tagged operating contingency associated with the Climate Change portfolio of up to the following amounts to provide for this policy:

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
'Maori Climate Action' Operating Contingency	-	2.000	6.000	10.000	10.000
Capital Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
	-	2.000	6.000	10.000	10.000

- 2.3      authorised the Minister of Finance and Minister to jointly draw down against this contingency, subject to their satisfaction with the conditions described in paragraph 2.1 above;

- 3 **noted** the Interim Committee’s recommendation to recognise the Oho Mauri Trust (the Trust) as the independent governance entity for the platform;
- 4 **noted** that the Trust is an independent Māori-led entity suitable for delivering on the core function of the platform - to enable Māori climate action;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister’s intention is for the Trust to operate independently through an agreed funding model that contains the necessary conditions to ensure financial and performance reporting requirements are met;
- 6 9(2)(f)(iv) 
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- 8 **agreed** that the details in the paper under CBC-23-SUB-0021 are sufficient to meet the tagged contingency conditions as outlined in paragraph 2 above;
- 9 **noted** that the contingency remains within the overall four-year spend as agreed in Budget 2022, and following draw-down, the contingency would be exhausted and therefore closed;
- 10 **approved** a draw-down from the ‘Māori Climate Action’ Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF) Budget 2022 tagged contingency of \$18 million and out-years into the Ministry for the Environment to activate kaupapa Māori, tangata Māori solutions for climate change, to be released through agreed upon stage gates;
- 11 **agreed** to establish a new non-departmental output expense appropriation “Supporting Equitable Transitions and Climate Resilience for Māori” in Vote Environment, to be administered by the Ministry for the Environment:

Vote	Appropriation Minister	Title	Appropriation Type	Scope Statement
Environment	Minister of Climate Change	Supporting Equitable Transitions and Climate Resilience for Māori	Non-Departmental Output Expenses	This appropriation is limited to contributing to funding kaupapa Māori and tangata Māori solutions for climate change and related operational costs

- 12 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to give effect to the decision in paragraph 10 above, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net core Crown debt:

	\$m – increase/(decrease)			
<b>Vote Environment Minister of Climate Change</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27 &amp; Outyears</b>
<b>Multi-year appropriations</b>				
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>				
Supporting Equitable Transitions and Climate Resilience for Māori (MYA)	2.000	6.000	10.000	-
<b>Annual Appropriations</b>				
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>				
Supporting Equitable Transitions and Climate Resilience for Māori	-	-	-	10.000
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>2.000</b>	<b>6.000</b>	<b>10.000</b>	<b>10.000</b>

- 13 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations above be included in the 2023/24 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 14 **agreed** that the operating expenses incurred under paragraph 12 above be charged against the ‘Māori Climate Action’ tagged contingency established as part of Budget 2022;
- 15 **invited** the Minister to report back to the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee before the end of 2023 on the fees to be allocated to Trust members;
- 16 **noted** the Minister will disestablish the Interim Ministerial Advisory Committee before its term expires in Feb 2024.

Rachel Hayward  
Secretary of the Cabinet

*Secretary’s Note: This minute replaces CBC-23-MIN-0021. Cabinet agreed to add paragraph 15.*