



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Mandate for International Cooperation on Mitigation to Reduce Emissions and Complement Domestic Action

Portfolio **Climate Change**

On 2 August 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

NDC Strategy

- 1 **noted** that in December 2022, Cabinet deferred decisions on international cooperation for mitigation until Cabinet had considered a Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Strategy;
- 2 **noted** that on 3 July 2023, Cabinet agreed to the NDC Strategy [CAB-23-MIN-0283];

International Emissions Reduction Plan

- 3 **invited** the Minister of Climate Change to report back to Cabinet by December 2023 with an International Emissions Reduction Plan (the Plan) that will guide action to fill the gap between New Zealand's domestic emissions reductions and New Zealand's first NDC (NDC1);
- 4 **agreed** to the following new portfolio objective for international cooperation that will guide the way the Plan is implemented:

New Zealand is able to supplement domestic action to meet our current and future NDCs, through securing and managing required volumes of international emissions reductions that meet New Zealand's requirements for environmental integrity;

- 5 **noted** that the Plan will include principles and preferences to guide decisions about the selection of projects such as ensuring environmental integrity, transparency, value for money, price parameters, and, where appropriate, how it will align with New Zealand's domestic mitigation work and objectives as well as the International Climate Finance Strategy;
- 6 **invited** the Minister of Climate Change to report back to Cabinet on potential international emissions reduction opportunities that fit within the Plan's objective [REDACTED]

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

s 9(2)(j)

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s 9(2)(j)

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s 6(a)

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s 9(2)(j)

Environmental integrity

- 10 **noted** that New Zealand will only consider international emission reductions that meet New Zealand's requirements for environmental integrity and sustainable development, in line with the international guidance set out in the Article 6 rulebook under the Paris Agreement;

s 9(2)(h)

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s 9(2)(h)

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s 9(2)(j)

Costs and sources of funding

- 13 **noted** that the costs for international cooperation include:
- 13.1 the costs of purchasing international emissions reductions;
 - 13.2 the costs for contributing to overall mitigation for global emissions and adaptation finance to meet the commitments under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement;
 - 13.3 costs for project development and capacity building with developing country partners (including in the Asia-Pacific region); and

13.4 costs to establish appropriate institutional arrangements to administer and manage the portfolio;

14 s 9(2)(f)(iv)

15 s 9(2)(f)(iv)

16 **directed** officials to undertake further work on the institutional arrangements needed to implement the International Emissions Reduction Plan;

17 **invited** the Minister of Climate Change to report back to Cabinet on s 9(2)(f)(iv) options for further work on the institutional arrangements needed to implement the International Emissions Reduction Plan.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon David Parker
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Ginny Andersen
Hon Barbara Edmonds
Hon Dr Duncan Webb
Hon Rachel Brooking

Officials present from:

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