

Submission on He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission Draft Advice Package

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 24 February 2021
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Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To seek approval for the submission on He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission Draft Advice Package.

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

The Climate Change Commission are currently consulting on their first advice package to Government, relating to the actions it must take to reach net-zero by 2050 and ensure a transition to a low-emissions, climate resilient Aotearoa. Consultation is open until 14 March 2021.

Staff presented the proposed submission process at the 3 February 2021 Council briefing, noting that the submission will be a collaborative process between staff across Northland Te Taitokerau councils who are responsible for climate change strategy, policy and planning.

Staff have now drafted a submission on He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission Draft Advice Package and Council is now requested to approve the submission, which includes a joint cover letter and a series of agreed responses to 20 consultation questions.

Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That Kaipara District Council:

- a) Approve the submission 'cover letter' and the 'all council' submission points as outlined at Attachment B.
- b) Agree to provide feedback to staff by 2 March 2021 on specific Kaipara District Council subpoints to include in the submission (as outlined at Attachment B).
- c) Delegates the Mayor, Councillor Wilson-Collins and Chief Executive the authority;
 - i. To approve the specific Kaipara District Council subpoints to be included in the submission
 - ii. To approve any editorial changes if needed
 - iii. To sign the submission on behalf of council, prior to it being lodged with the Climate Change Commission.

Context/Horopaki

The Climate Change Commission is an independent advisory body established under the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019 (the Act). Their core work programme, as set out in Subpart 2 of the Act, includes providing advice to the Minister for the Environment on actions to reduce national emissions and meet [national 2050 emissions targets](#).

Their [first draft advice package](#) was released on February 1, 2021 for public consultation. The draft advice package consists of two parts:

Part A.) Proposed first three national emissions budgets (2022-2025, 2026-2030, 2031-2035) and guidance on the first emissions reduction plan;

Part B) Analysis of Aotearoa New Zealand's [Nationally Determined Contribution](#) per the Paris Agreement and recommended potential future reductions in biogenic methane.

Staff presented the proposed submission process at the 3 February 2021 Council briefing. The draft cover letter and a submission summary were digitally circulated at the time of the briefing. Please refer to the 3 February 2021 report and the attachments for further context.

This report presents a finalised draft of a joint submission on Part A, focusing on the national emissions budgets and emissions reduction plan. The submission has been a collaborative process between staff across Northland Te Taitokerau councils who are responsible for climate change strategy, policy and planning.

Staff see this submission as an opportunity to inform a new central government undertaking (the emissions budgets and emissions reduction plan), which will affect future local government responsibilities, resourcing and processes. The submission presents a critical opportunity to voice local government needs and speak to our unique role in the national low emissions transition.

The submission includes a joint cover letter and a series of agreed responses to 20 consultation questions put forward in the draft advice package. Where necessary, staff have included under each submission point a schedule of subpoints, where each council can contextualise, add to or amend points. This style of submission was chosen to amplify councils' voices, while also observing each individual council's right to change or differ on specific points.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Please refer to **Attachment A** for a summary of the consultation questions and supporting information from the draft advice package. Please refer to **Attachment B** for a copy of the submission.

Options

Option 1: Delegate the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive the authority to approve specific Kaipara District Council subpoints (after feedback provided by elected members), approve any other editorial changes and sign the submission for lodgement.

This is the recommended option and ensures feedback provided by elected members is incorporated in the submission.

Option 2: Do not approve the submission. Kaipara may then not lodge a submission on this work.

Policy and planning implications

The submission itself will not impact Council policy and planning. However, the final national emissions budget and emissions reduction plan adopted by Ministry for the Environment will impact Council policy and planning. We are uncertain of the specific impacts at the time of writing.

Financial implications

None

Risks and mitigations

None

Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via agenda on the website.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

Pending approval and delegation, Elected Members will provide any final recommended changes to staff by 2 March 2021. Staff will incorporate changes as KDC subpoints and seek approval as

outlined in the recommendations. Staff will submit on behalf of Te Taitokerau Northland councils by 14 March 2021.

After considering all feedback and making appropriate changes to material, the Climate Change Commission will present their final advice to the Government in May 2021. The Government then has until 31 December 2021 to respond.

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Draft Advice Package Summary
B	Te Taitokerau Northland Councils Submission