



Ref: OIA 2025-011

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23 October 2025

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 29 September 2025 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"...what advice the commission has provided to the minister on the issue of whether its specific advice on emissions reduction plans is still necessary, which the minister has said is under consideration ...

...any and all information the commission holds on the advice it has provided the minister on that particular issue over the last 12 months. Please note we (and as I'm sure you are aware, the Official Information Act) do not distinguish between "formal" advice and any other type of advice (it is all advice); and this request does include any recollections of verbal advice as well as any documented advice such as emails, meeting notes, etc. "

The Commission has considered your request in accordance with the Act, and we can respond as follows.

Response

The Commission has not provided any advice to the Minister of Climate Change on "*whether its specific advice on emissions reduction plans is still necessary*".

In line with the media statement you were provided with on 23 September 2025, the Commission has publicly released a document containing the recommendations we provided to the Minister on potential amendments to improve the operations of the Climate Change Response Act on our website here: [Proposals for technical amendments to improve the operation of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 » Climate Change Commission](#)

The Ministry for the Environment is the lead agency for the review the Minister is currently undertaking of the Climate Change Response Act. You may wish to repeat your request to them as they are more likely to hold information that falls within the scope of "*advice provided to the Minister*" on this particular issue.

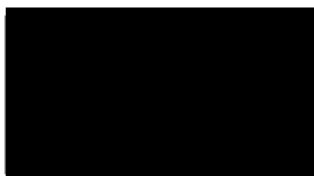
On this basis, we rely on section 18(g) of the Act in not providing you with the information you seek, as this information is not held by the Commission.



You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note that the Commission proactively releases its responses to requests made under the Act. This is to help ensure others can also have access to this information. As such, this letter will shortly be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Nāku noa, nā



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