



Ref: OIA 2026-010 & 2026-011

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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your requests of 22 July 2026 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Request 2026-010

"1. Cross-Agency Correspondence

Any correspondence between the Climate Change Commission and the Ministry for the Environment, Treasury, or Auckland Council regarding waste sector emissions, landfill methane, or textile waste since 1 January 2024

2. Advice on the Emissions Gap

Any Commission advice or briefing specifically addressing the cost or feasibility of meeting the 2030 Paris target through domestic emissions reductions, including waste sector contributions, as distinct from offshore carbon credit purchases"

Request 2026-011

"1. Waste Sector Emissions Modelling

Any Commission modelling, advice, or analysis of landfill methane emissions as a share of New Zealand's domestic emissions budget, including how organic and textile waste diversion is factored into emissions reduction pathways

2. Textile Waste Specifically

Any Commission analysis, correspondence, or advice specifically addressing textile waste as an emissions source or reduction opportunity

Whether textile waste has been considered, named, or excluded in any advice to government regarding the Emissions Reduction Plan's waste sector components

3. At Home Emissions Reduction Options

Any Commission analysis of domestic ("at home") options for closing New Zealand's emissions gap, as opposed to offshore carbon credit purchases, including whether waste diversion (organic or textile) has been assessed as part of that domestic option set

4. Monitoring and Progress



Any Commission monitoring reports assessing government progress against landfill gas capture requirements or organic waste diversion targets in the current Emissions Reduction Plan”

The Commission has considered your requests in accordance with the Act. As previously advised, we have considered the requests together and are providing a single response to both. On 18 August 2026 we extended the timeframe for responding to your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act.

Response

Under the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (CCRA), the Commission’s statutory purpose is to provide independent, expert climate advice on mitigation and adaptation, and to monitor and review Government progress towards emissions reductions and adaptation goals.

As part of this, the Commission has undertaken analysis and provided advice on emissions reduction pathways across the New Zealand economy, including the waste sector. This work includes consideration of waste-sector emissions, landfill methane, and opportunities for reducing emissions domestically as part of broader emissions reduction pathways and emissions budget settings.

Relevant information relating to waste-sector emissions, landfill methane, textile waste, domestic emissions reduction pathways, and monitoring progress towards emissions reduction objectives is available in some of our statutory reports which we publish on our website:

- [Ināia tonu nei: a low emissions future for Aotearoa](#)
- [Ināia tonu nei: technical annexes and evidence base supporting that advice](#)
- [2023 Emissions Reduction Plan Advice](#)
- [Review of the 2050 Target](#)
- [Annual Emissions Reduction Monitoring Reports](#)
- [Advice on the fourth emissions budget \(2036–2040\)](#)
- [Report on the potential domestic contribution to Aotearoa New Zealand's second nationally determined contribution](#)

As the information you seek is contained in these published reports, we rely on section 18(d) of the Act to not provide it here because the information is publicly available.

Information specifically relating to textile waste

You have asked for information about the Commission's consideration of textile waste as an emissions source, emissions reduction opportunity, or component of advice on the Emissions Reduction Plan. While the Commission does not model textile waste as a distinct category within its emissions reduction pathways, textile waste appears within underlying waste-sector data used to inform broader waste-sector analysis.

Further, while textile waste is reflected within those broader datasets, the Commission has not identified any separate modelling, analysis, advice, briefing, monitoring report, or correspondence specifically focused on textile waste as a distinct emissions source or emissions reduction opportunity.

The Commission has also not identified any advice that explicitly considers, names, includes, or excludes textile waste as a separate component of advice relating to the waste sector of the Emissions Reduction Plan. Similarly, the Commission has not undertaken separate analysis assessing textile waste diversion as a standalone measure for closing New Zealand's emissions gap or as a discrete alternative to offshore carbon credit purchases beyond information already contained in its published advice.

Accordingly, we rely on section 18(e) of the Act to not provide information related to the consideration of textile waste as an emissions source, emissions reduction opportunity, or component of advice on the Emissions Reduction Plan here, as it does not exist.

Cross-agency correspondence

We identified five emails between the Commissions and Ministry for the Environment regarding waste-sector emissions and landfill methane since 1 January 2024. Copies of these documents are listed in the document schedule below. Personal information has been withheld from these documents in reliance on section 9(2)(a) of the Act, and we do not consider there are any countervailing public interests in its release.

We did not identify any correspondence between the Commission and the Ministry for the Environment, Treasury, or Auckland Council regarding waste sector emissions, landfill methane, or textile waste since 1 January 2024. Accordingly, we rely on section 18(e) of the Act to not provide it here, as it does not exist.

Monitoring of landfill gas capture and waste diversion

You asked for monitoring reports on progress against landfill gas capture and organic waste diversion targets in the current Emissions Reduction Plan. The Commission publishes annual monitoring reports assessing progress towards emissions reduction objectives, including progress within the waste sector. These reports are publicly available on the Commission's [website](#).

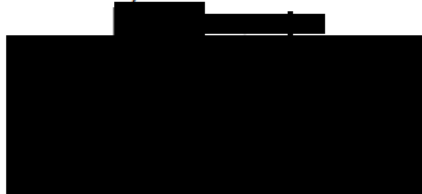
Accordingly, to the extent that your requests seek monitoring information contained within those reports we rely on section 18(d) of the Act to not provide that information here because it is publicly available.

The Commission has not produced separate monitoring reports solely focused on landfill gas capture requirements or organic waste diversion targets. We rely on section 18(e) of the Act to not provide it here, as it does not exist

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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Document Schedule

Doc #	Document date	Description	Decision
1	29/04/2026	Email: Email correspondence between MCERT (MfE) and the Climate Change Commission regarding 2025 inventory updates	Some information withheld under s9(2)(a) - personal contact details
2	14/05/2026	Email: Email correspondence between MCERT (MfE) and the Climate Change Commission regarding waste modelling	All information in scope is released in full
3	12/02/2026	Email: Email correspondence between MCERT (MfE) and the Climate Change Commission regarding waste data	Released in full
3.1	12/02/2026	Attachment: Eunomia. Waste Data Improvements for Non-Municipal Landfills and Farm Waste	Released in full. <i>Please note that this document already contained redactions applied by MfE when it was provided to the Commission. We are releasing the document in the same form in which it was received by the Commission.</i>
4	28/01/2026	Email: Email correspondence between MCERT (MfE) and the Climate Change Commission regarding Waste modelling	Released in full
5	20/11/2025	Email: Email correspondence between MCERT (MfE) and the Climate Change Commission regarding waste classification	Released in full
5.1	20/11/2025	Attachment: Tonkin and Taylor Report from 2014	Released in full