



Ref: OIA 2026-009

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17 July 2026

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request of 23 June 2026 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- “1. Acknowledge and assess the implications of the April 2026 ScenarioMIP-CMIP7 framework update, particularly the revised assessment of high-end scenario plausibility, for the projections and modelling that underpin the Commission’s advice on emissions budgets and ETS settings.*
- 2. Confirm which emissions scenarios and high-end pathways the Commission is currently using in its modelling and advice on emissions budgets and ETS settings.*
- 3. Consider advising the Minister on whether current projections and policy settings should be reviewed in light of the ScenarioMIP-CMIP7 findings, and on what timeframe any such review could occur.*
- 4. Provide me with a summary of the Commission’s position on the above matters, or confirm that this issue will be considered in the Commission’s next advice on emissions budgets or ETS settings.”*

The Commission has considered your request in accordance with the Act.

Response

As we advised when acknowledging we had received your request, for the Official Information Act (OIA) to apply the information must be held by the Commission. There is no obligation on us to form an opinion or create information to answer a request. In this respect, there is a distinction between:

- requests which can be answered by providing information already known to and held by the Commission (official information); and
- requests which require the agency to form an opinion or provide an explanation and so create new information to answer the request (**not official information**).

We have carefully considered your request and determined that we are only able to respond to part 2 of your request for the above reasons.

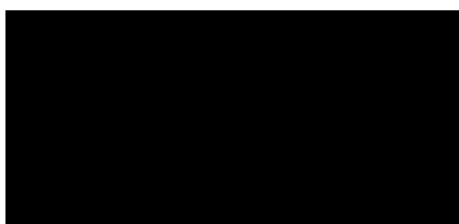


I can advise that the Commission does not use international pathways, including SSPs for its advice on emissions budgets and ETS settings. For emissions budgets, the emissions scenarios are chosen based on what is required to reach NZ's 2050 target and the feasibility of technologies and other domestic changes required to reach those targets. ETS settings advice is based on the emissions budgets as set.

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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