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Dr Rod Carr
Chairperson, Climate Change Commission
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Tēnā koe Rod,

Re: Extension to agricultural assistance 5K request

Thank you for your letter of 28 February 2022, requesting a one-month extension to the timeframes for the Commission's advice on agricultural assistance, as requested under sections 5K and 215 of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (the Act), on *what assistance, if any, should be provided to participants of an agricultural emissions pricing system.*

This extension is to align the Commission's deadline with the deadline for the He Waka Eke Noa Partnership's (the Partnership) recommendations to Ministers, which recently was extended from 30 April to 31 May. We accept your extension request and confirm the updated due date of 31 May for the agricultural assistance 5K request.

However, to enable officials to progress their policy analysis, we request you take a no surprises approach, and communicate your thinking early on with Government officials, so that officials have sufficient time to analyse your recommendations.

We are also pleased to note that you remain confident in your ability to deliver an Assessment of Progress by 30 June. Ensuring agricultural emissions are priced by 01 January 2025 remains critical, and your advice, alongside that of the Partnership's, will be essential in supporting Cabinet decision-making this year.

Nā māua noa, nā,

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Hon. Damien O'Connor
Minister of Agriculture

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Hon. James Shaw
Minister of Climate Change