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Tēnā korua Ministers

**Extension of timeframe for request made under Section 5K of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 - Agricultural Assistance**

We understand that you and Minister O'Connor in his capacity as Minister of Agriculture, have granted an extension to the He Waka Eke Noa (HWEN) partnership to allow them more time to consult with farmers on their proposals for pricing agricultural emissions.

We have assessed the potential impact of this extension on our obligation to provide an Assessment of Progress by 30 June 2022 and have concluded that, in the absence of further delays, we are able to meet this deadline.

We would like to ask that you consider the extension of the deadline for the request you made under Section 5K, for advice on Agricultural Assistance, from the Commission. Extending and aligning the deadline for this request with the new deadline for HWEN, 31 May 2022, will ensure that the Commission is able to incorporate as much as possible of the HWEN partnership's analysis and modelling into our report to you, while ensuring that you and your officials receive our advice in a timely manner. Please can you advise if you require any further information to support your decision making in relation to this request.

We look forward to providing you with advice on these issues which are of great importance for all of Aotearoa.

Ngā mihi



Dr Rod Carr  
**Chair of the Climate Change Commission**