

Stakeholder Engagement Update – August 2020

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to give the Board an overview of the engagement with stakeholders that the Commission has undertaken over the month of August 2020 as part of our advice programme to be delivered 31 May 2021.
2. This is to provide transparency so that the Board can scrutinise our performance against the requirements of the Climate Change Response Act (the Act) to publicly engage and consult, and to consider the results of public consultation on our advice.
3. How well the Commission engages with stakeholders will be a key determinant in giving effect to the requirements of the Act.

Recap

4. While the focus on engagement over August 2020 has continued to be on listening and discovering, and on building existing relationships, we are now starting to share early thinking around modelling and scenarios. Presentations have also included:
 - Being clearer about when consultation will be and when groups will have opportunities to be involved
 - Asking stakeholders to reflect on what they can do to help Aotearoa to transition to a low-emissions and climate-resilient future.
5. We are now over halfway through the themed workshops, which are targeting a different group of stakeholders than we have previously engaged with at a technical level. These workshops have involved sharing initial thinking on specific mitigation options or issues, policy considerations, barriers and interventions, and different pathways that take into consideration the mitigation options identified.
6. We have had excellent engagement with these workshops, and through them have established some valuable new relationships. Those attending have been experts in their field and have shared valuable insights with our technical teams.
7. Workshops completed in August include:
 - Just transitions
 - Behaviour change
 - Urban form
 - Equity in transport
8. Further detail on the intent of the workshops and attendees is included as Appendix One.

Next phase of engagement

9. We have two further workshops planned for September, and there are discussions about several more that would provide useful insights as we draft our advice. Still to come are scheduled workshops on:
 - Rural communities

- Bioeconomy

10. We have accepted seven requests for the Board Chair, Chief Executive or other Commissioners to present at events over September. We have also scheduled a round table discussion with the New Zealand Bankers Association, and representatives from the Reserve Bank will also be attending.
11. We are starting to focus our engagement on events that will contribute to getting key stakeholders across our early thinking and ensure that they are aware of our consultation process and timeframes.
12. We will continue with engagement that supports our strategic objective of building the Commission's reputation.

Engagement log – August 2020

13. The below tables have been created to give a view of the breadth and depth of engagement over the previous month.
14. We are still refining the way we record our engagements and will continue to adapt this report as we do. We will further refine the sub sectors, and reporting against themes and topics, in each area against which we report.
15. When reviewing the log, we would particularly appreciate feedback on the following areas:
 - A. Do you consider the engagement broadly consistent with our engagement principles, specifically these two:**
 - a. Protecting our independence; and
 - b. Thinking smart – bearing in mind that we are a small organisation with limited capacity?
 - B. As we move into our next phase of engagement, testing our assumptions, are there specific areas on which you think the Commission should focus?**
16. Engagements by team are detailed on the following pages. Please note that August Iwi/Maori engagement is reported within the separate Case Studies draft paper.

17. The HIP team are continuing their extensive 1:1 engagement, targeting the technical information required from stakeholders in order to support modelling assumptions and thinking on policy direction. There has been a focus on stakeholders with expertise in gas to help the Commission develop its position.

18. Key themes of these discussions include:

- Impacts of carbon pricing and phase-down of industrial allocation
- Housing and urban development
- Update on government work programmes
- Resource Management Act
- Skills and knowledge
- Security of supply forecasts
- Gas supply and long term costs
- Electrification of heat plant
- Embedded emissions in the construction sector
- LNG importation
- Bioenergy supply and cost
- **Total number of August engagements – independent of executive team – 18**

Table 1.1: Engagements by primary focus

Subsector	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
Energy sources	5	-
End users	4	-
Removals	0	-
Cross-cutting	9	-
Total	18	73

Table 1.2: Engagements by entity type

Entity type	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
Umbrella organisations		-
Businesses	10	-

Governance	Central Government	3	-
Researchers		1	-
Total		18	73

Table 1.3: Engagement by organisation

Graymont Lime
 Capital NZ
 Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
 MBIE (Energy policy) x2
 Property Council NZ
 BRANZ
 Transpower (x2)
 Meridian Energy
 Alliance Group
 Balance Agri nutrients
 Fletcher Building Group
 Horticulture NZ
 First Gas
 Scion
 Ecubed
 PowerCo

19. Total number of August engagements – independent of the executive team – 27

20. Engagements in August started to move into a testing phase, and with a stronger focus on policy questions. There was engagement with industry, NGOs, local government and central government.

21. We continued engagement with key stakeholders such as peak body groups and government agencies.

22. The more focussed engagement with wider stakeholders is planned for the coming weeks.

Table 2.1: Engagements by primary focus

Subsector	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
Growers	2	
Product Processors	1	
Waste	7	
Removals	7	
Cross-cutting	9	
Total	27	75

Table 2.2: Engagements by entity type

Entity type	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
Umbrella organisations	5	
Businesses	4	
Governance	14	
Researchers	4	
Total	27	75

Table 2.3: Engagement by organisation

Radiata pine breeding company	Dept of Conservation x2	Irrigation NZ
Timberlands Ltd	Ministry for the Environment x8	DairyNZ
Tane's Tree Trust	Ministry for Primary Industries x 2	Horticulture NZ
Specialty Timbers Group	Waikato Regional Council	Landfill Management
Plant and Food Research	Sector Policy Outlook for Local Govt (SOLGM)	Systems
Environmental Defence Fund		Water New Zealand

23. Total number of August engagements – independent of the executive team – 18

24. Over the past month the Transport team has undergone extensive 1:1 engagement to inform our thinking on policy direction, and for stakeholders to have an update on our work programme. We have taken the opportunity to prioritise stakeholders that we have not had a chance to engage with so far.

25. The Transport team, together with the Comms team hosted two workshops on urban form and equity and access in transport.

26. Key themes included:

- Discussions of scenarios and assumptions
- Battery recycling
- Importance of electrification of the fleet, and reducing the cost of EVs
- Alternative fuels – using complimentary regulations and financial incentives to increase uptake
- Micro-mobility
- Opportunities in heavy freight
- Benefits of non-car transport

Table 3.1: Engagements by primary focus

Subsector	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
Modes	7	-
Fuels	2	-
Networks & urban design	1	-
Cross-cutting	8	-
Total	18	49

Table 3.2: Engagements by entity type

Entity type	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
Umbrella organisations	9	-

Businesses		6	-
Governance	Central Government	1	-
	Local Government	1	
Researchers		1	-
Total		18	49

Table 3.3: Engagement by organisation

NZTA
 Think Step
 Drive Electric
 Sustainable Business Council
 NZ Special Interest Vehicle Group
 AA
 Imported Motor Vehicle Industry Association (VIA)
 Uber
 Z Energy
 NZ Post
 Neste
 Mainfreight
 Flip the Fleet
 NZ Airport Associations
 University of Otago
 NZ Post
 Bus and Coach Association
 Christchurch City Council

Cross-cutting team (Emissions budgets team)

27. Total number of engagements – independent of executive team - 14 (Note that 1 of these was in conjunction with sector teams)

28. Key themes and topics of discussion:

- Regular catch-ups on modelling, data and results
- Approach to policy advice
- The Commission’s future work and how it relates to councils
- The Commission’s NDC and methane work
- What New Zealand’s contribution to the 1.5 degree global goal should be
- Metrics and what has and hasn’t been agreed internationally and domestically on their use
- Government work on Crown’s financial accounting for and planning for meeting the NDC
- The New Zealand-Tokelau relationship and background on Tokelau’s NDC plans
- The Government’s thinking on voluntary offsetting post-2020
- International carbon markets developments and prospects for NZ access to offshore mitigation
- Impacts of climate change on drought and drinking water
- Assessing the emissions impact of different projects

29. Also note that some Cross cutting engagement is identified in other sections of this report and is labelled as such.

Table 4.1: Engagements by primary focus

Subsector	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
Cross-cutting	14	-
Total	14	73

Table 4.2: Engagements by entity type

Entity type	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
Umbrella organisations		-
Businesses	Consultants	1
Governance	Central government	10
	Local government	1
Researchers		1
NGOs		1

Total	14	73
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Table 4.3: Engagement by organisation

Deep South National Science Challenge		
Impact Lab		
Christchurch City Council (with transport team)		
Ministry for the Environment x6		
Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade		
UK Climate Change Committee		
Oxfam		
Interagency data and modelling meeting		
Interagency climate change mitigation meeting		

30. Total number of engagements – 26

31. Key themes and topics of discussion:

- Stakeholder relationship development and management
- Updating the role of the Commission
- Longer term economic recovery following Covid-19
- Getting into more detail about how our work will impact different sectors – for example understanding how we model accurately for the energy sector, discussing long term planning and climate change from a regional council perspective.

Table 5.1: Engagements by primary focus

Subsector	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
Heat, industry, power	4	
Land & Waste	4	
Transport	1	
Cross-cutting	16	
Total	25	118

Table 5.2: Engagements by entity type

Entity type	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
Umbrella organisations	NGO	3
	Industry Bodies	5
	Conference Presentation	1
Businesses	Finance	1
	Industry	5
Governance	Government Agency	6
	Local Government	3
Researchers	Academics	1
Total	25	118

Table 5.3: Engagement by organisation

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Ambassador of the European Union	Contact Energy	Living Streets Aotearoa
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Bay of Plenty Regional Council	Dairy NZ	Ministry for the Environment
Beef + Lamb New Zealand	EECA	NZ Infrastructure Commission
BRG Institute	Gas Industry Company Board	Rural Women NZ
British High Commission and Diplosphere	Generation Zero	The Aotearoa Circle
Carbon Match	Hawke's Bay Regional Council	Todd Energy
Christchurch City Council	Hiringa Energy	Toitu
Climate Change CEs Board and Sustainability	ICE Forum - Chairs & CEs	WWF New Zealand
	Imported Motor Vehicle Industry Association	

Forward planned engagement into September

- Please note that this list is not exhaustive as some engagement is still being organised

Sector teams' engagement		
1:1 Stakeholder meetings	Stakeholder workshops	
NZ Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bioeconomy 	
Refining NZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Communities 	
Pan Pac Forest Products		
Red Stag Timber		
Infrastructure NZ		
ANZ Bank		
Motor Industry Association		
Greenpeace		
Rabobank		
Council of Trade Unions		
Rabobank		
Leadership engagement		
Aotearoa Circle	Electricity Authority Board	Nelson Pine Industries
Forest and Bird	Cawthron Institute	Wakatu Corporation
Minister Shaw	New Zealand King Salmon	Institute of Directors
New Zealand Bankers Association	Beef and Lamb NZ	Waste Management
Horticulture NZ	Cycle Action Network	Council of Trade Unions
New Zealand Infrastructure Commission	Ministry of Transport	Ministry for Primary Industries
	Radio New Zealand	He Waka Eke Noa
Rotary Wellington	Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand	

Appendix one: Engagement Workshops August/September 2020

Workshop 1:

Ensuring a fair and equitable transition virtual workshop looking at the impact future policy aimed at addressing climate change could have on New Zealanders, households, and communities. Recognising that if it is not managed carefully, the transition could have a detrimental impact on some New Zealanders, particularly those that are isolated or vulnerable. As part of our advice we would like to provide insight into what could be done to mitigate any potential negative impacts – and how Aotearoa can ensure a fair and equitable transition.

Workshop details: 1 – 3.30pm on Monday 17 August

Attendees:

Caritas	Julianne Hickey Martin de Jong
Wesley Community Action	Kena Duignan David Hanna
Generation Zero	Bruce Kidd Eleanor West
NZUSA	Isabella Leniahan-Ikan
Akl University	Julie Leigh MacArthur
Budget Advice Service – FinCap	Moana Andrew
Ecumenical Climate Justice Network	Betsan Martin
MBIE	Terry Genet
Venture Taranaki	Justine Gililand
Age Concern	Chrissane Tarry

Workshop 2:

Virtual workshop on behaviour change looking at how the government could use behaviour change as a tool for addressing climate change and reaching the country's climate goals.

Workshop details: 1 – 3.30pm on Thursday 20 August

Attendees:

Victoria University	Taciano Milfont
Otago University	Janet Stephenson
Action Station	Debbie Leyland
Health Promotions Agency	Wendy Billingsley
Otago University	Alexandra MacMillan
ACC	Nick Farland
The Workshop	Jess Berensten-Shaw
Connect and Co	Elizabeth Goodwin
The Navigators	Matt Benson
Ora Taio	Dermot Coffey

[Behaviour Change Powerpoint for workshop](#)

[Behaviour Change Workshop Zoom Chat](#)

Workshop 3:

Virtual workshop on Urban Design looking at how the design and construction of our cities and towns, transport systems and buildings could be used to address and adapt to climate change. We recognise the transition requires a systems-wide way of thinking and that urban design is central the way we live and move in our communities. Because of this we are looking for expert insights that can be incorporated into our work.

Workshop details: 1 – 3.30pm on Wednesday 26 August

Attendees:

Greater Auckland	Matt Lowrie Heidi O'Callahan
HUD	Eleanor Bell David Hermans
Cycle Action Network	Patrick Morgan
Living Streets	Andy Smith Celia Wade-Brown
	Tim Jones Paula Wilkinson
	Peter Bos
New Zealand Centre for Sustainable Cities	Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman Jasmine Jameson
NZ Institute of Architects	Teena Hale Pennigton
NZ Green Building Council	Sam Archer
Z Energy	Laura Fayerman
Kainga Ora	Katja Lietz
<u>Papapounamu - Interest group from NZPI</u>	Reginald Proffit
The University of Auckland	Ms Lena Henry
Property Council NZ	Katherine Wilson
Victoria University of Wellington	Ralph Chapman
Millions of Mothers	Alicia Hall
Independent Maori Statutory Board	Guy Penny

Workshop 4:

Equitable Transport virtual workshop looking at the role transport will play in the transition to a low-emissions society, and the impact this could have on equitable and accessible transport. Transport is at the core of our response to climate change but if it is not managed carefully, changes made to our transport systems could have a detrimental impact on some communities or groups. As

part of our advice we would like to provide insight into could be done to mitigate these negative impacts – and how Aotearoa can ensure a just transition.

Workshop details: 10 – 12.30pm on Thursday 27 August

Attendees:

UNCRPD / Sustained Ability	Georgia Tawharu Alice Campbell
Millions of Mothers	Alicia Hall
Lincoln University / Intelligent Transport Systems	Helen Fitt
Greater Auckland	Heidi O'Callahan
Women in Urbanism Aotearoa	Emma McInnes
Southern Initiative	Ayla Hoeta
Rural Women New Zealand	Fiona Gower Gill Naylor
Blind Low Vision NZ	Chris Orr
NZ road controlling authorities	Suzanne Madsen Lisa Rossiter
MSD	Prof Jonathan Boston Associate Professor Ralph Chapman
Disabled Persons Assembly	Paul Brown
Hoe360	Mette Hoe
MRCagney	Bridget Burdett
Z Energy	Camilla
Rural Woman NZ	Gill Naylor
Community Waikato	Sarah Gibb
Independent Maori Statutory Board	Guy Penny
Otago University	Libby Grant
Sustained Ability	Jason
Otago University	Caroline Shaw

Workshop 5:

Rural Communities virtual workshop looking at the impact on rural communities of future work by government aimed at addressing and adapting to climate change. You already know what it takes to support your community, so we want to hear from you, and ensure your insights feed into our analysis and advice. Early engagement that is about learning and listening, we are just starting to build our knowledge in this space and will be engaging with other groups throughout the development of our advice and our consultation process.

Workshop details: 9.00 – 11.30am on Thursday 3 September

Rural Women	Fiona Gower
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Rural Support Trust	Jeremy Neild
JS Consulting for CCILG	Jo-Anne Short
Wairoa DC	Craig Little
Community Waitkato	Holly
Gisborne Area	Kerry Worsnop
Tararua Area	Lincoln Grant
Manawatu/Horowhenua area	Kerry Walker
Manawatu/Horowhenua area	Ellen Bartlett
MPI	Trish Burborough
Owahanga Station	Scott Sommerville

Workshop 6:

Virtual workshop on bioeconomy looking at the bioeconomy and use of biomass (including waste), biofuels and building products to reduce Aotearoa’s emissions. We will bring together a mix of stakeholders (suppliers, consultants, industry, and academics) in forestry, waste and building to have a discussion on the opportunities and barriers for the bioeconomy to reduce emissions.

The kind of questions the workshop will cover include:

1. What are the opportunities in New Zealand’s bio-economy, particularly around bio-fuels and building products?
2. How should we harness those opportunities?
3. What are some of the challenges or barriers to overcome?

Workshop details: *1 – 4pm on Tuesday 10 September*

Attendees TBC