

# Stakeholder Engagement Update – June 2020

## Purpose

1. The purpose of the paper is to give the Board an overview of the stakeholder engagement that the Commission has undertaken over the month of June 2020.
2. This is to provide transparency so that the Board can scrutinise our performance against the CCRA's requirements 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. The focus on engagement over June 2020 has continued to be on listening and discovering, and on building existing relationships:
  - Building the Commission's identity by explaining who we are, what our mandate is and what we have to deliver this year.
  - Meeting with NZ Climate Action Network to build on the relationship established under the ICCC and test where else we need to be engaging in the ENGO space
  - Testing how we plan to go about our work (for example, our analytic frameworks and methods, including mitigation potential across the economy, policy direction, and impacts analysis).
5. There has also been a continuation of the risks and opportunities presented by Covid-19:
  - The Commission's role in helping to guide investment decisions around climate friendly projects post Covid-19
  - Understanding our stakeholders' responses to the changing landscape under Covid-19
6. Leadership level engagements have also included conversations around the Commission's letter to the Minister for the Environment on the Covid-19 Fastrack changes to the RMA, and an appearance in support of the Minister for Climate Change at the Environment Select Committee Estimates hearing.

## Next phase of engagement

7. We are now starting to hold specific workshops with technical stakeholders to test our initial thinking on specific mitigation options or issues, policy considerations, barriers and interventions, and different pathways that take into consideration the mitigation options identified.
8. The level of requests for leadership engagement has increased as lockdown restrictions has eased. It is expected this will continue to increase as the Commission continues to engage and will continue to be a focus for the engagement team.
9. We will continue with engagement that supports our strategic objective of building the Commission's reputation.

## Engagement log – June 2020

10. The below tables have been created to give a view of the breadth and depth of engagement over the previous month.
11. 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.
12. 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;
    - 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?**

## Engagement by team

### 1. Heat, Industry and Power Team

- Total number of engagements – 7
- Key themes and topics of discussion:
  - Electricity markets
  - Decarbonising and electrifying process heat
  - Built environment
  - Transition away from gas

**Table 1.1: Engagements by primary focus**

Subsector	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
<b>Energy sources</b>	1	-
<b>End users</b>	1	-
<b>Removals</b>	3	-
<b>Cross-cutting</b>	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>40</b>

**Table 1.2: Engagements by entity type**

Entity type	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
<b>Umbrella organisations</b> Association	1	-
<b>Businesses</b>	1	-
<b>Governance</b> Central government	3	-
<b>Researchers</b> Consultants	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>40</b>

**Table 1.3: Engagement by organisation**

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Electricity Authority	Gas Industry Company	Verum Group
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority	BRANZ	
Meridian Energy	MFE	

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## 2. Land & Waste Team

- Total number of engagements – 11
- Key themes and topics of discussion:
  - Updating and relationship building
  - Regenerative agriculture
  - Importance of water quality and water policy
  - Native forest restoration
  - Wastewater – data availability and potential use as a heat source
  - Holistic view of waste emissions
  - Farm to forestry conversions
  - Land Use scenarios

**Table 2.1: Engagements by primary focus**

	Subsector	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
<b>Growers</b>	Regenerative Agriculture	1	-
<b>Product Processors</b>			-
<b>Waste</b>		4	-
<b>Removals</b>	Forestry	3	-
<b>Cross-cutting</b>	NGO	3	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>55</b>

**Table 2.2: Engagements by entity type**

	Entity type	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
<b>Umbrella organisations</b>	Associations	1	-
	Community Group	1	-
	NGO	1	-
<b>Businesses</b>		1	-
<b>Governance</b>	Central government	1	-
	Local government	3	-
<b>Researchers</b>	Crown Research Institute	2	
	Consultants	1	
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>55</b>

**Table 2.3: Engagement by organisation**

MPI	Te Uru Rakau	Environment Southland
Forbes Ecology	Applied Energy	Water New Zealand
Hannah Blumhardt	Auckland Council	Waikato Regional Council
50 Shades of Green	NZCAN	

### 3. Transport Team

- Total number of engagements – 7
- Key themes and topics of discussion:
  - Updating and relationship building
  - Mitigation initiatives
  - Heavy vehicle conversions
  - Research and consultation reports

**Table 3.1: Engagements by primary focus**

	Subsector	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
<b>Modes</b>	Rail	1	-
	Heavy vehicle	1	-
	Air	1	-
<b>Fuels</b>			-
<b>Networks &amp; urban design</b>		1	-
<b>Cross-cutting</b>		3	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>

**Table 3.2: Engagements by entity type**

	Entity type	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
<b>Umbrella organisations</b>	Association	1	-
<b>Businesses</b>		3	-
<b>Governance</b>	Local Government	1	-
	Central Government	1	-
<b>Researchers</b>	Organisation	1	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>

**Table 3.3: Engagement by organisation**

Water New Zealand	Air New Zealand	Bloomberg
KiwiRail	Waste Management NZ	
Wellington NZ	Ministry of Transport	



#### 4. Cross-cutting team (Emissions budgets team)

- Total number of engagements – 12
- Key themes and topics of discussion:
  - Updating and relationship management
  - Guidance on climate implications of COVID Recovery fast tracking bill
  - Cross-agency follow up on emissions valuation
  - Measuring progress (accounting) in meeting the 2050 target
  - Climate data and modelling
- Please note that Iwi/Maori engagement is reported within Te Mahere Whakamua
- 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)
<b>Cross-cutting</b>	12	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>45</b>

**Table 4.2: Engagements by entity type**

Entity type	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
<b>Umbrella organisations</b>	1	-
<b>Businesses</b>	1	-
<b>Governance</b>	10	-
<b>Researchers</b>		-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>45</b>

**Table 4.3: Engagement by organisation**

NZCAN	MBIE	OMF
MfE	Treasury	NZCAN

### 13. Leadership (Board and/or CE)

- Total number of engagements – 34
- Key themes and topics of discussion:
  - Engagement with stakeholders - updating on the role of the Commission
  - Stakeholder relationship development and management
  - Networking events and announcements
  - Green stimulus
  - Select Committee - Estimates Hearing
  - Regular meeting with Minister for Climate Change

**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	7	-
Transport	1	-
Cross-cutting	16	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>66</b>

**Table 5.2: Engagements by entity type**

Entity type	Number of engagements this month	Number of engagements overall (from 1-Mar-20)
<b>Umbrella organisations</b>	Industry Bodies	3
	NGO	2
	Conference presentations	3
<b>Businesses</b>	5	-
<b>Governance</b>	Central government	14
	Local government	-
	International	-
<b>Researchers</b>	CRI	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>66</b>

**Table 5.3: Engagement by organisation**

Scott Simpson - National Party	MfE	Infrastructure NZ
Science NZ	CEP 2020 Digital Conference	NZAGRC
Capital Investments	Minister Shaw	Forestry Ministerial Advisory Group
NZ Steel	MPI	Beef & Lamb
Reserve Bank	Te Uru Rākau	Energy Certificate Scheme
New Zealand Red Cross	EECA	
Green Investment Fund	Fonterra	MFAT- Kay Harrison
Primary Sector Council		Contact Energy
Sustainable Business Council	Environment Committee	Extinction Rebellion
Climate Change CE's Board		Sustainable Business Network
		Aotearoa Circle – The Fenwick Forum