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# Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill

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## We are. LGNZ.

Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) is the national organisation of local authorities in New Zealand and all 78 councils are members. We represent the national interests of councils and lead best practice in the local government sector. LGNZ provides advocacy and policy services, business support, advice and training to our members to assist them to build successful communities throughout New Zealand. Our purpose is to deliver our sector's Vision: "Local democracy powering community and national success."

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## Introduction

LGNZ welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill (the Bill). **LGNZ wishes to appear before the Environment Select Committee to speak to this submission.**

Local government acknowledges the importance of climate change mitigation, and has long held the view that New Zealand needs a clearly defined emissions reduction target and plan for meeting it. The Bill is an important step in the right direction.

However, for local government in New Zealand, climate change adaptation is an immediate issue that they are having to grapple with now. New Zealand's communities are already experiencing the effects of climate change, and will continue to do so, regardless of progress that is made both nationally and internationally on climate change mitigation. Therefore LGNZ is pleased to see that the Bill addresses adaptation. LGNZ has long endorsed the need for a joined up approach to adaptation and mitigation, which the Bill does provide. However, the adaptation provisions contained in the Bill alone will not be sufficient for ensuring that New Zealand effectively adapts to climate change.

LGNZ understands that the purpose of the Bill is to establish the framework by which New Zealand transitions to a low emissions economy, and adapts to the changing climate. The targets and goals that it puts in place are laudable. However, what ultimately matters is how the emissions reduction target is implemented and how adaptation plays out. Reducing emissions and adapting to the changing climate will require significant change and concerted action by all New Zealanders, including councils. However, it is critical that this transition is just and does not result in any further inequities, particularly to Māori and Pasifika, rural and other vulnerable communities. Policies, resources and tools must be developed and provided by the Government (in partnership with local government, iwi and communities) to enable a just and meaningful transition for all communities. The Bill is just a starting point.

This submission sets out LGNZ's comments on the key provisions of the Bill. Specific recommendations are dispersed throughout the submission, however the key themes of the submission can broadly be summarised as:

1. Local government will be critical to the progress New Zealand makes on both adaptation and mitigation. The Bill must therefore more explicitly recognise local government as a key partner in enabling New Zealand to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change;
2. Local government needs to be provided with guidance, tools and resources to enable it to meaningfully contribute to emissions reductions, and deliver adaptation action at the local level, where it is best-suited to take place. This recognises that the effects of climate change are by definition local and will vary from place to place; and
3. The Government needs to substantively and substantially increase its focus on, and resource dedicated to, climate change adaptation as a matter of urgency.

## Adaptation provisions

LGNZ is pleased to see the Bill includes focus on climate change adaptation, and hopes that these provisions will elevate the importance of, and focus by the Government on, adaptation. LGNZ is concerned that for a number of years now successive governments have failed to address adaptation, and have disproportionately focused resource and efforts on mitigation.

While LGNZ understands that the focus of the Bill is limited to setting up the framework to undertake what the Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group (CCATWG) described as foundational adaptation actions – namely the completion of the National Climate Change Risk Assessment and development of a National Adaptation Plan – this framework alone will not be sufficient for addressing the considerable adaptation challenge that New Zealand faces.

As a matter of urgency, considerable additional work needs to be done to support local governments to, along with their communities, undertake adaptive action at the local level. Local government needs central government to work in partnership with it to allocate roles and responsibilities for climate change adaptation; apportion risk between central government, local government and communities; develop a legal framework that supports councils to take adaptive action, and reduces their liability risks; develop consistent national direction on how to approach adaptation; and to address issues related to funding and financing of the costs of climate change adaptation.

LGNZ makes the following comments on the specific adaptation provisions contained in the Bill:

### Purpose section – section 4

Despite the inclusion of adaptation provisions in the Bill, there is no specific reference to climate change adaptation in the purpose section (section 4) of the Bill.

LGNZ submits that the purpose section should be amended to include specific reference to climate change adaptation, to ensure that adaptation is accorded the same level of priority as climate change mitigation. This is critical given that despite progress made on mitigation, New Zealand will still need to adapt to climate changes which are already locked in.

Including adaptation in the purpose section of the Bill will also ensure that the Climate Change Commission is clear that its purpose includes focusing on adaptation.

### National Climate Change Risk Assessment

LGNZ is pleased that the Bill sets up the framework for completing a National Climate Change Risk Assessment (NCCRA).

However, LGNZ is concerned that the Climate Change Commission has been tasked with completing the NCCRA. While LGNZ welcomes the Commission focusing on adaptation, the Commission is unlikely to have sufficient capability, capacity and resource to undertake the complex exercise of a completing a NCCRA, along with its many other functions. LGNZ has previously recommended that an agency similar to its proposed Local Government Risk Agency would better placed to undertake a NCCRA exercise.

The completion of a NCCRA will have significant implications for all New Zealanders (eg potential impacts on property prices) and may present liability risks for central and local government agencies when certain risks are identified and communicated to communities. LGNZ's view is that an independent Climate Change Commission with myriad functions and responsibilities is not the appropriate agency to task with the completion of an exercise that will have such significant ramifications. LGNZ recommends that either a standalone risk agency comprised of members with necessary skills and expertise for completing a risk assessment, or the Government, is responsible for completing the NCCRA, and that the Commission's adaptation functions be limited to monitoring and reporting on progress.

Were Government to assume this responsibility, it is LGNZ's strong preference that a lead agency be given this responsibility, as opposed to splitting it between various ministries.

Establishment of an agency to undertake the NCCRA (as well as provide other support to help at risk-councils with adaptation) would be consistent with the recommendations recently made by the Productivity Commission in its draft report on local government funding and financing.

LGNZ also recommends that the Government gives thought to how it will manage the legal, economic and political consequences that are likely to stem from the completion of the NCCRA. To date, it would appear from the Bill and the draft NCCRA framework (which LGNZ has seen separately) that thought has not been given to this particular issue. The NCCRA must address potential liabilities, losses and damage, and not just risk as would currently appear to be the intention.

Further, LGNZ is concerned that the role local government will play in the completion of the NCCRA is not clear from the Bill. The CCATWG's recommendations made specific reference to the need for a risk NCCRA framework that supported the completion of consistent risk assessments at national, regional and local levels. Given that climate change impacts are felt locally and vary across the country, local or regional level risk assessments may provide a better understanding of the particular climate change risks that the nation is exposed to. However, it is not clear from the Bill whether councils will be required to complete local or regional level risk assessments, or how they will be required to contribute to the completion of the NCCRA. LGNZ presumes that a certain level of local input will be necessary to complete the NCCRA, but this needs to be clarified.

Indeed a key weakness with the current provisions relating to the NCCRA appears to be the top down nature of the exercise, which could be meaningfully improved by the Bill being more directive around the need for the NCCRA to be completed with key partners and stakeholders. Local government has the experience, knowledge and operational capacity to deliver adaptation outcomes. However, in order for local government to be able to meaningfully shape the National Adaptation Plan (see below), local government needs to be embedded in the completion of the NCCRA, which will inform subsequent planning.

Finally, LGNZ is concerned that the purpose and intended outcomes of the NCCRA, and specifically the particular issue or gap that it is intended to address, remain unclear.

LGNZ therefore recommends that:

1. The NCCRA be completed by a specialist risk assessment agency, or single Government agency, and not the Climate Change Commission;
2. The Government gives thought to how the legal, economic and political consequences of the completion and publication of a NCCRA will be managed, including by identifying potential liabilities, losses and damage in the NCCRA;
3. The Bill more explicitly state the role that local government is expected to play in the completion of the NCCRA and/or local and regional level risk assessments. Specifically the Bill should require that local government is engaged as a key partner in the completion of the NCCRA; and
4. The Bill clarify the particular purpose and intended outcomes of the NCCRA.

### **National Adaptation Plan**

LGNZ understands that the Government is committed to developing its first National Adaptation Plan (NAP) in partnership with local government. However, that is not clear from the drafting of the Bill. There is no explicit requirement that the Minister develops the NAP in partnership with local government.

Given that adapting to climate change will require action at the local level, LGNZ strongly recommends that the Bill is amended to specifically provide that the NAP must be developed in partnership with local government. This will ensure that the NAP is workable, and reflective of what can be achieved at the local level. Local government will strongly oppose any NAP that imposes requirements on local government without local government input into its development.

That said, it is not particularly clear from the provisions of the Bill what the purpose of the NAP will be. The purpose of the NAP, and the particular outcomes that it is intended to achieve, should be developed in partnership with local government, given that adaptation is by definition local, and should be stated in the Bill. Currently there is a lack of clarity as to what the purpose of the NAP is.

LGNZ's view is that the NAP must address how we can holistically support communities to adapt to climate change in a sustainable way. Caution must be taken to ensure that the NAP does not simply become a plan for how New Zealand's communities will respond to climate change-induced emergency events, and instead must focus on long-term adaptation measures that direct future planning to minimise the exposure to, and impact of, climate change related events in the first instance. It is also important that the NAP makes provision for how community well-being will be dealt with as adaptation measures are adopted and implemented.

Councils are already showing considerable leadership on climate change adaptation. The significant contribution that local government is making needs to be recognised in the NAP. As such, LGNZ submits that the list of matters that the Minister must take into account when preparing the NAP (section 5ZQ(4)) must be amended to include a specific requirement to take into account the work that is already underway by councils and their communities to adapt.

Further, given local government is responsible for on the ground adaptation, local government along with communities, is well-placed to assess the progress that is being made on adaptation. Therefore LGNZ recommends that section 5ZS be amended to specify that progress reports on the NAP must be developed in partnership with local government, so that local government has meaningful opportunities to comment on progress. Without local government input, LGNZ is concerned that progress reports may fail to adequately take account of local circumstances and views, and in particular the views of more vulnerable communities.

In summary, LGNZ recommends that:

1. The provisions relating to the NAP be amended to specifically provide that it must be developed in partnership with local government, including a requirement that central and local government work in partnership to develop the purpose of the NAP and outcomes it is intended to achieve;
2. The list of matters the Minister must take into account when preparing the NAP (section 5ZQ(4)) be amended to include work that is already underway by councils and their communities to adapt; and
3. Section 5ZS be amended to specify that progress reports must be developed in partnership with local government.

#### **Adaptation reporting power**

LGNZ's comments on the adaptation reporting power contained in section 5ZV of the Bill are contained in the *Information request provisions* section of this submission below.

## Information request provisions

With respect to the Minister's power to request that councils and council-controlled organisations (and other agencies) report on climate change adaptation matters (section 5ZV) LGNZ submits that it is not clear what the purpose of the section 5ZV adaptation reporting power is. That is despite section 5ZV giving the Minister the ability to request considerable and detailed information from councils.

It is not clear how the information that the Minister may request under section 5ZV would differ from information that councils may ultimately be required to contribute to the NCCRA, NAP and reporting on the NAP. It is not clear whether the intention is that the information requested by the Minister under section 5ZV would indeed contribute to the completion of those exercises, or would be for some other purpose.

The Bill should therefore clarify:

- As noted above, the role that local government is required to play in the completion of the NCCRA, NAP and reporting on the NAP, so that it is clear what information may be requested from local governments for the purpose of undertaking those exercises; and
- The additional purposes, if any, for which the Minister may request information on adaptation from reporting agencies. However, any such additional purposes must ultimately relate to making progress on adaptation, and should not result in duplication of information provision.

LGNZ is concerned that currently the provisions of the Bill give both the Minister and the Climate Change Commission the ability to request information from councils (and other agencies) (eg section 5K(2)(c) which gives the Minister the ability to require that the Commission works jointly with other relevant agencies on the completion of reports that the Minister requests the Commission to complete). The dual-ability of the Minister and the Commission to request information from local government agencies has the potential to create confusion and result in duplication of information provision. Multiple information requests from different sources will have cost, time and resource implications for councils (and particularly smaller councils) which should not be duplicated.

While LGNZ would welcome information requests being made of local government by one agency only, LGNZ believes that clarity as to the purposes for which information can be requested, and the role that local government will be expected to play in the completion of the foundational adaptation actions, will help to ensure that duplication of information provision is avoided.

With respect to any regulations that are made relating to the adaptation reporting power in section 5ZV (under section 5ZW), or relating to the ability to request information generally, LGNZ submits that:

- Councils will face considerable compliance costs in meeting requests for information. The Bill should be amended to specify that regulations relating to the adaptation reporting power or any power to request information must provide that agencies' reasonable costs of providing requested information will be met by central government; and
- Agencies must be given flexibility to provide requested information in formats that work for them. Councils should, for example, be able to provide requested information in pre-existing formats, and not be required to comply with onerous formatting specifications.

In summary, regardless of any clarity that can be provided as to the purpose of the adaptation reporting power provisions, and how they relate to the other adaptation mechanisms contained in the Bill, LGNZ would support information requests being made of local government by one agency only insofar as possible. Duplication of requests and reporting agencies' time, resources and cost must be avoided.

LGNZ recommends:

1. Section 5ZV be amended to clarify the specific purposes for which the specified adaptation information may be requested from reporting agencies;
2. Information requests be made by one agency only insofar as possible to avoid duplication of reporting; and
3. The Bill be amended to require that any regulations relating to the adaptation reporting power (or provision of information generally) must specify that the reasonable costs of reporting agencies in meeting requests for information will be met.

## Climate Change Commission

LGNZ welcomes the establishment of an independent Climate Change Commission, and is supportive of its proposed advisory and monitoring roles. LGNZ has previously supported the Commission focusing on both mitigation and adaptation<sup>1</sup>, with the exception that a specialised risk agency should assume responsibility for the completion of the NCCRA.

### Membership of the Commission

LGNZ welcomes the requirement in section 5H of the Bill that before recommending that members be appointed to the Commission the Minister must have regard to the need for members to collectively have an understanding of climate change adaptation and experience working in or with local government.

However, LGNZ shares the concern raised in the Society of Local Government Managers' (SOLGM) submission that the criteria of having "experience working in or with local government" is vague, and could potentially apply to, for example, members of road contracting firms or public policy consultancies etc. LGNZ agrees with SOLGM's submission that the proper formulation should be a requirement for previous experience as an elected member of, or officer working in, a local authority.

It is critical that the Commission's membership comprises a sufficient number of members with skills, expertise and experience that are needed to ensure that the Commission effectively monitors and reviews the Government's progress towards its adaptation goals. Despite the specific recommendation made in the *Adaptation provisions* section of this submission relating to a specialised agency (or the Government) completing the NCCRA, LGNZ's view is that to ensure Commissioners have sufficient skills, expertise and experience to monitor and report on matters relating to adaptation, section 5D of the Bill should be amended to specifically provide that a minimum of two members of the Commission must have skills, expertise and experience related to adaptation. This will ensure that adaptation receives appropriate focus, and that the Commission is sufficiently qualified to address it.

LGNZ is concerned that without any specific requirement that a certain number of Commissioners have adaptation capability, there is a risk that members of the Commission will primarily have a mitigation focus and skillset, given the greater emphasis that the Bill places on mitigation.

### Independence

LGNZ endorses SOLGM's submission that the Select Committee agrees to add a provision to the Bill that guarantees the independence of the Commission with respect to scientific matters and methods. LGNZ agrees that without such provision there is the potential for conflict between the provision of advice based on 'good science' and having to give effect to a direction from a Minister that may not have the same degree of scientific rigour.

<sup>1</sup> LGNZ submission to the Ministry for the Environment on the Zero Carbon Bill Discussion Document, 19 July 2018.



### Nominating committee

LGNZ has concerns with the requirement that a nominating committee be established to assist the Minister with recommending appointments of Commission members (section 5F).

In particular, LGNZ's concerns with the proposed nominating committee structure are:

- The Minister has broad discretion to appoint members of the nominating committee. Section 5F(b) of the Bill does not specify any particular criteria that members of the nominating committee must satisfy, other than in the opinion of the Minister having relevant skills or experience to identify suitably qualified candidates. LGNZ is therefore concerned that members of the nominating committee may have narrow focus, or be political appointments and may not be impartial;
- The proposed structure adds an unnecessary layer of administration, particularly given specific requirements that members of the public, iwi and interest groups be able to make nominations (section 5G(2)), and that the Minister consults with representatives of political parties prior to confirming recommended appointments (section 5E(c));
- The tenure of the nominating committee is not clear. For example, it is not clear whether a new nominating committee will be established each time there is a vacancy on the Commission, whether the first established Committee's tenure continues indefinitely, or whether its tenure is for the period a particular Minister holds office etc; and
- There are no specific criteria the nominating committee must have regard to in making nominations to the Minister. This gives the nominating committee broad, unfettered discretion to recommend candidates to the Minister. The nominating committee should be required to take into account the matters which the Minister must take into account when making recommendations specified in section 5H.

For these reasons LGNZ ultimately supports doing away with the proposed nominating committee structure. However, if the decision is made to proceed with the proposed structure, given that local government will be critical to progress that is made on both adaptation and mitigation, it is important local government is able to meaningfully comment on individuals that would be well-placed to be Commissioners. Therefore LGNZ would recommend that:

1. Section 5H(1)(b) be amended to read, "experience working in or with local government (*as an elected member or officer of a council*) and central government" (additional text in italics);
2. Section 5F(2) of the Bill be amended to explicitly require that one member of the nominating committee is a representative of local government;
3. Section 5G(2)(b) be amended to specifically provide that the nominating committee must consult with local government, as a group that may have interest in being a member of the Commission; and
4. The Bill be amended to require the nominating committee to have regard to the matters set out in section 5H when making nominations to the Minister.

## Emissions reduction target and emissions budget provisions

LGNZ is supportive of the emissions reduction target contained in section 50 of the Bill, and is hopeful that the target will help to kick start concerted action on mitigation. LGNZ is also pleased to see a target that recognises the potentially disparate impacts of transitioning to a low emissions economy on rural communities. While the target requires rural communities to demonstrate leadership and contribute to emissions reductions, it recognises the need for those communities to be able to access relevant science and technology as it is developed over time.

LGNZ also supports the inclusion of provisions relating to the setting of emissions budgets. These will usefully provide clear signals of the reductions required in the short to medium-term in order for the target to be met.

However, while it is easy to put a target in place, the key issue for local government (and communities) will be how the target is ultimately implemented. Local government recognises that the introduction of the target will place responsibilities on councils, and all New Zealanders, to contribute to emissions reductions; the challenge is how this is achieved. With respect to local government and the role it plays in implementing the target, LGNZ submits:

- The Government must, in partnership with local government, undertake additional work to identify the policies, tools, incentives and guidance that local government needs in order to be able to meaningfully contribute to emissions reductions. Local government has, for example, previously indicated that mandatory regional spatial planning and incentives to support the electrification of public transport are tools that could support councils to contribute meaningfully to emissions reductions. Central government policy settings and incentives must provide clear, consistent and enduring direction to ensure local government is making decisions and taking action that will make a difference;
- While a number of councils are already taking steps to monitor and report on their emissions, this is an unfamiliar area for many councils. LGNZ has previously endorsed, and again endorses, the need for central and local government to work jointly to explore options for developing a nationally consistent approach to the measurement of emissions, and a framework and tools that build council capacity and capability in this area; and
- Financial, political and resourcing constraints will have a bearing on the progress towards emissions reductions that councils are able to achieve. Councils do, and will continue to, face the need to balance mitigation action with affordability issues. Central government must therefore support local government to contribute to the national mitigation effort, particularly to support councils to overcome cost and resourcing barriers. Clarity is needed on future fiscal arrangements for climate change mitigation action.

LGNZ notes that section 5ZD(3)(a) of the Bill specifically provides that the Minister must develop an emissions reduction plan, which may include sector-specific policies to reduce emissions and increase removals. While LGNZ would support the plan including local government sector-specific policies, LGNZ submits that the section 5ZF(1)(b) requirement to consult with sector representatives on the plan is insufficient. Instead, the Bill should require the Minister to develop such a plan in partnership with local government, so that the specific policies that are developed will be workable for local government, and not result in any further inequity to communities and iwi.

LGNZ recognises that the introduction of the emission reduction target is likely to have flow-on consequences for related legislation and policy. Local government urges the Government to ensure that if it is considering making changes to existing legislation and policy (particularly the Resource Management Act) to achieve alignment with the emissions reduction target and plan, it must discuss and carefully work through those changes with local government and its communities first. Central government must work with local government to understand the implications of any changes it is considering and the support that councils would need to deliver on any changes.

### **2050 target and emissions budgets are permissive considerations**

Section 5ZK(1) proposes that the 2050 target and emissions budgets are permissive considerations in decision-making. Section 5ZK(2) specifies that any failure by a person or body to take the 2050 target or an emissions budget into account does not invalidate anything done by that person or body.

Despite section 5ZK(2), the permissive considerations set out in section 5ZK(1) pose significant judicial review risks for councils, in that any failure to take the permissive considerations into account may be challenged. The court costs and delays associated with such possible judicial review action are of concern to councils.

LGNZ therefore recommends that section 5ZL is amended to specify that the Minister's power to issue guidance for departments on how to take the 2050 target or an emissions budget into account in the performance of their functions, powers and duties, is also extended to local government. Local government would benefit from such advice; provision of which would be consistent with the point made above about the need for tools and guidance that support councils to contribute to meeting the emission reduction target.

Such guidance for local government should, in particular, focus on how the permissive consideration provisions of the Bill are to be reconciled with section 104E of the RMA, which provides that greenhouse gas emissions cannot be taken into consideration when making discharge application decisions. LGNZ is concerned that there is a risk that opponents of those applications may rely on the permissive consideration provisions of the Bill to challenge a council's failure to take greenhouse gas emissions into account when considering an application, despite section 104E of the RMA.

### **Emissions reductions vs offsets**

LGNZ's view is that there is merit in the proposals put forward by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Simon Upton, with respect to allowing access to forest sinks as offsets only for biological emissions.

LGNZ agrees that the use of forest offsets should be limited. LGNZ is concerned that if forest offsets are not limited in the way the PCE proposed, the unfettered use of forest offsets will result in negative consequences for communities, and particularly rural communities, which often get overlooked. For rural communities, unfettered use of forest offsets could lead to major land use changes (including conversion of productive land), impacts on regional economic development, implications for the state and cost of maintaining local roads, loss of employment opportunities, and changes to population and settlement patterns, with consequences for local rating bases.

Managing agriculture and forestry jointly in the manner proposed by the PCE would help to deliver both emissions reductions, as well as other benefits for water, soil and biodiversity objectives, and ensure that there are not unintended adverse effects or further inequities for rural communities.

LGNZ therefore recommends that the Bill provides greater clarity on the role of forest offsets, and does place limits on their use in the manner proposed by the PCE.

### Summary of mitigation recommendations

In summary, LGNZ's recommendations with respect to the mitigation (emissions reduction target and emissions budgets) provisions of the Bill are:

1. The Government works in partnership with local government to ensure policy settings and incentives enable councils to be able to meaningfully contribute to emissions reductions, including by supporting councils to overcome cost and resourcing barriers;
2. The Bill be amended to require that the emissions reduction plan is developed in partnership with those sectors for which it sets out specific policies;
3. Section 5ZL be amended to require that the Minister provides local government with guidance on how to take permissive considerations into account in the performance of its functions, powers and duties; and
4. The Bill provides greater clarity on the role of forest offsets and places reasonable limits on their use in the manner proposed by the PCE.

## Conclusion

Critical to the success of this Bill will be the work that the Government undertakes subsequently to support New Zealanders to meet the emission reduction target and make urgently needed progress on climate change adaptation. If the policies, tools and incentives that the Government develops to enable the transition are to be successful and not result in further inequity to New Zealand's most vulnerable communities, the Government will need to work in close partnership with local government. The effects of climate change are by definition local, and therefore require local responses.

In particular, LGNZ looks forward to considerably greater focus by the Government (and successive governments) on climate change adaptation. However, it urges the Government to do more than simply focus on progressing the foundational adaptation actions set out in the Bill. As a matter of urgency, considerably more needs to be done to allocate roles and responsibilities for climate change adaptation, apportion risk, address the current legal framework and identify options for funding and financing adaptation. New Zealand's progress on adaptation has been insufficient for too long.

LGNZ welcomes the introduction of the Bill as an important step in the right direction, and looks forward to ongoing and meaningful engagement with the Government on how to make the provisions of the Bill work in practice.