



David Prentice
Chair
Interim Climate Change Committee
Wellington

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 7 May providing an overview of how the Interim Climate Change Committee is shaping its forward work programme.

I agree that for the new Climate Change Commission to be effective, it will need to be in a position to swiftly propose high-quality, credible emissions budgets, and that the Committee's focus now should be to put the Commission in the best possible position to advise on this.

I acknowledge that your Committee will need to prioritise work on the most critical and time-sensitive elements required, including developing the critical analytical tools, and that the Committee should approach the work in a way that builds capacity and capability within both the secretariat and the wider public sector.

I note your concern for the Committee's independence and credibility, and the intention to continue to engage with iwi/Māori, civil society, government officials and business.

Thank you for outlining the Committee's view of the four key foundations for emissions budgets as the basis for its work in creating a methodology for recommending emissions budgets.

I acknowledge your intention to build these foundations at both a sectoral and economy-wide level through the three critical areas upon which the Committee will first focus. I also note your intention to provide me with a report on the work by 30 September 2019.

I look forward to hearing further from you as your work progresses.

Finally, I note your intention, where appropriate, to also issue working papers to help build capability and understanding outside the Committee, and that the Committee may also provide input into climate change consultations and policy development, where it overlaps with the Committee's role.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Shaw'.

Hon. James Shaw
Minister for Climate Change