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Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy
Chair – Climate Change Commission

Dear Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy,

I am writing to respond to a letter received from Dr Rod Carr on 29 November 2024. Dr Carr raised several proposals for amendments to improve the operation of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (the CCRA).

I thank the Commission for these suggestions.

I have directed officials at the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) to develop policy proposals for amendments to the CCRA that could reduce unnecessary workstreams and reporting, as signalled in the Prime Minister's statement to Parliament on 28 January 2025.

I expect these proposals will broadly cover amending or removing requirements in the CCRA where the resourcing implications are disproportionate to the outcome delivered by the requirement.

Consequently, the kinds of changes that are in scope may be streamlining the volume and pace of reports the Commission produces in order to focus on the highest value ones and looking at the level of prescription around some of the reports that the government must produce and considering whether it is warranted.

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I consider that many of the changes the Commission raised in its letter will likely make useful improvements to the CCRA as part of this workstream. MfE officials will be in touch to discuss these proposals in more detail.

Kind regards

Hon Simon Watts
Minister of Climate Change