

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION

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1 Scope of Report

- [1] This Recommendation Report relates to the the emissions reduction plan (ERP) made in accordance with s5ZI of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (s74(2)(d) RMA) and the national adaptation plan (NAP) made in accordance with s5ZS of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (s74(2)(e) RMA).
- [2] The Panel members were:
 - Malcolm Lyall
 - Raewyn Solomon
 - Rob van Voorthuysen (Chair)
- [3] At our request¹ the Council produced a Section 42A Report addressing amendments to give effect to the ERP and NAP that were considered to be within the scope of submissions. That Report was:
 - Section 42A Report, PDP & Variation 1, Climate change adaptation and emissions reduction, Rachel Carruthers, June 2023.

2 Chapter Recommendations

- [4] Ms Carruthers summarised the relevant provisions of the ERP and NAP (and the obligations they impose on Council) along with the relevant provisions of the PDP affected by the ERP and NAP provisions. That assessment was undertaken for each PDP chapter (inclusive of any amendments to those chapters recommended by SDC reporting officers on Variation 1)².
- [5] Having carefully reviewed Ms Carruthers' assessments and recommendations, we adopt them subject to the caveat that Ms Carruthers was necessarily limited to considering amendments recommended to the PDP provisions by the various Section 42A Report authors for each PDP chapter.
- [6] We have additionally reflected on amendments that the various PDP Hearing Panels have recommended over and above (or that were different to) those recommended by the Section 42A Report authors. Having said that, we note that that further consideration has not led us to find that any of Ms Carruthers' recommendations regarding the ERP and NAP are inappropriate.
- [7] We consequently find that the provisions of the PDP as recommended to be amended by the various Hearing Panels support the identified relevant actions in the ERP and the NAP, and on that basis, we conclude that appropriate regard has been given to those documents.
- [8] However, we agree with Ms Carruthers that the National Planning Standards require the Statutory context chapter of the PDP to include a list of other plans that are relevant to the context or content of the PDP under sections 61(2) and (2A), 66(2) and (2A) and 74(2) and (2A) of the RMA.
- [9] On that basis we recommend that *HPW3 – The Relationship with other Plans and Documents* is amended as shown in Appendix 1 to incorporate the ERP and the NAP in the list of documents that are of particular relevance.

¹ Our Minute 51 titled "All Chapters of PDP – Climate Change Response Act 2002"

² Section 42A Report, sections 4 and 6.

3 Other Matters

- [10] Having reviewed Ms Carruthers' Section 42A Report, we concluded that that it was not necessary to hold a hearing to consider the implications of the ERP and NAP.
- [11] No other matters were brought to our attention.

Appendix 1: Recommended Amendments

Note to readers: Only provisions that have recommended amendments are included below. All other provisions remain as notified. Amendments recommended by the Section 42A Report author that have been adopted by the Hearing Panel are shown in strike out and underlining. Further or different amendments recommended by the Hearing Panel are shown in strike out, underlining and red font.

Amendments to the PDP Maps

There are no amendments recommended to PDP Planning Maps arising from our recommendations on the submissions and further submissions covered by this Recommendation Report.

Amendments to the PDP Text

Part 1 – Introduction and General Provisions

How the Plan works

HPW3 - The Relationship with other Plans and Documents	
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Name of Document	Description
<u>Aotearoa New Zealand's first emissions reduction plan 2022</u>	<u>Council must have regard to Aotearoa New Zealand's first emissions reduction plan 2022, which sets out actions to achieve national long-term targets and contribute to global efforts to limit temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. The actions in this plan are intended to assist with meeting the first national emissions budget.</u>
<u>Aotearoa New Zealand's first national adaptation plan 2022</u>	<u>Council must have regard to Aotearoa New Zealand's first national adaptation plan 2022, which sets out what the Government will do to enable better risk-informed decisions, drive climate-resilient development in the right locations, help communities assess adaptation options (including managed retreat) and embed climate resilience into all of the Government's work.</u>