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Dear Beth Cooper

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 16 September 2021 for information on what stage Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is at in becoming carbon neutral by 2025.

A response to each of your questions is outlined below.

Have you got a policy inside your department for zero-carbon use by 2025 and what's the official wording of it?

LINZ does not have a specific policy.

LINZ is a member of the Toitū Envirocare programme. Toitū Envirocare are LINZ's supplier for measurement and audit to satisfy the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) requirements.

LINZ has developed a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report and an Emissions Management Reduction Plan for the 2019/20 financial year. This will be the baseline year for reporting. LINZ is currently awaiting the Toitū carbonreduce certification for these reports.

Have you got a zero carbon committee?

Yes. LINZ has set-up an internal sustainability group to support the CNGP requirements.

What structure have you set up with how many staff?

For day-to-day delivery of this work programme, a Senior Advisor leads the programme, and a Senior Business and Data Analyst is responsible for preparing the annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report and an Emissions Management Reduction Plan. These staff have the sustainability work as a component of their roles. In addition, staff from Finance, Procurement and Facilities Management supply the required data information, and are responsible for any work flowing from commitments made in the LINZ Emissions Management Reduction Plan to reduce emissions.

Which section of your organisation has this been delegated to and name the staff?

The sustainability work programme sits within Organisational Performance, in the Organisational Effectiveness business group. The Head of Organisational Performance, Willie Loh, has responsibility for this work programme.

What are the main areas you have identified to meet the set goal?

The 2019/20 baseline Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report identified the most significant outgoing emissions sources as air travel, natural gas and electricity.

For each of these, what's your work plan?

LINZ emissions reduction targets for the year ending 30 June 2021 are as follows:

- reduce air travel emissions by 10 percent
- reduce waste landfill by 10 percent
- reduce electricity usage by 10 percent.

The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report and an Emissions Management Reduction Plan for financial year 2020/21 are still in development, and we are unable to confirm if these targets were met.

When do you plan to phase out coal?

LINZ does not have coal emissions.

Any other additional information regarding your agencies planned transition to be in line with the governments initiative to combat climate change that will require the public sector to achieve carbon neutrality by 2025.

LINZ will meet the CNGP mandatory reporting requirements from financial year 2021/22.

Yours sincerely



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