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AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND'S LOW CARBON ENERGY FUTURE



1. Your Government has set out a bold, determined and vital plan to decarbonise our economy and in doing so to achieve both our 2030 Paris Climate target, and the 2050 net zero target. You have also embarked on a range of policy, regulatory and legislative initiatives to underpin this, including the recently released Emissions Reduction Plan, the announced commitment to an Energy Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand, RMA reform, and a range of other important initiatives.



2. The electricity sector is strongly supportive of meeting our climate change objectives, and we are resolved to play our part and contribute to realising this shared ambition for our country. As you know, the electricity sector is a critical enabler to achieving emissions reductions in the broader energy sector.



3. To that end we are committed to contributing to your policy process and to our shared public interest in tackling these critical but complex issues. We acknowledge the importance of the private sector contributing to the public discourse in a meaningful and responsible way. We want to play our part. Consequently, we have commissioned the Boston Consulting Group ("**BCG**") to prepare a major piece of public research on developing a roadmap for a low carbon energy system in Aotearoa New Zealand. We believe this research will fill an important informational gap in our shared understanding of the issues we face.



4. We **attach**, for your reference, the Terms of Reference ("**ToR**") for this important piece of work. This work is being funded by our companies, who represent a wide range of energy sector participants. Others, such as Transpower, are participating in the project through information provision to BCG, even if not contributing financially. However, we hope you will see from our ToR that it is to be explicitly an independent piece of work, with a robust methodology, and drawing on a deep evidence base, including an international perspective. That said, if you have any immediate feedback on the ToR, please let us know in the near future, and we will be happy to consider that and to raise it with BCG for incorporation into the project.



Further, we anticipate an inclusive approach involving an even wider range of stakeholders in the energy sector as the project unfolds.

5. We hope to be in a position to share the BCG report with you, and with your advisers and the public in October this year.
6. In the interim, if you or your officials want to discuss any aspect of this project with us, we are at your disposal.

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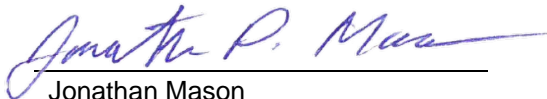
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