



Climate Weekly Update

Pūrongo Ahuarangi ā-Wiki

For the week ending 31 October 2025

Hon. Simon Watts, Minister of Climate Change

Hon. Chris Bishop, Minister Responsible for Resource Management Act Reform

Hon. Penny Simmonds, Minister for the Environment

Out of scope

Update on discussions with Fletcher Building re future viability of Portland Cement plant **Classification**

We have had meetings with Fletcher Building and Golden Bay concerning the future viability of their Portland Cement plant in Whangārei. They have advised, that in the absence of a border carbon adjustment (BCA), they would need to switch to an import-only model 9(2)(b)(ii) by 2030. They advise that a Board decision on the operating model is required by 9(2)(b)(ii) to allow for the transition. This has not been publicly communicated.

Fletcher Building are likely to reach out to you and Hon Shane Jones, Minister for Regional Development, directly to advise of their situation and the impending deadline. We are aiming to get advice on the feasibility of a BCA on cement to you in late November. Early indications suggest there could be merit in doing further detailed policy work on a BCA but any final decisions on a BCA would not be possible ahead of the 9(2)(b)(ii) deadline. At the Officials' Meeting on Monday 3 November, we would like to test your appetite for considering alternative policy options (both within and outside of the ETS) to potentially provide short term support to Golden Bay while decisions on a BCA are made.

Business Group: Climate Change Mitigation and Resource Efficiency

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