

Kia Orana tatou,

My apologies for the lateness in providing comments on the EDS. I hope the quick comments below mainly on Objective 5 can be considered. Thank you for the opportunity.

Kind regards,

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- The use of the word "mitigate" in the context of climate change, for example page 96. Mitigation refers to efforts to reduce or prevent emission of greenhouse gases. I suggest replacing this with reduce, lessen or something similar.
- Pg 93, and action 5.4 introduction of tax and licensing that support importation of low carbon transport. I was under the impression this already existed for EVs. This should apply to all transportation including marine and aviation.
- Some parts do not have actions relating to them for example, Marae Moana (pg 93). What is the purpose of including if there are no actions to support Marae Moana.
- Page 96: the water tank subsidy program and action 5.7 should also include guttering.
- Climate change actions focusses on water security and cyclones. Flooding (from rainwater and sea surge) has caused considerable damage in the past both in Rarotonga and in the Pa Enuu.
- Land use planning (pg 100) misses digital mapping including an open source.
- Environment education is important to achieve greening the economy and should be included in objective five. .
- No reference to climate financing instruments such as the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund.
- The actions do not cover the full 10 year period. Many of the initiatives are nothing new. This document does not look forward in proposing new actions up until 2030.
- On measuring progress, it is unclear what *increase the area under wetlands each year* means? Especially since Wetlands are declining rapidly.
- One of the positives of Covid 19 is that technology has allowed an increased number of people to participate in meetings (through virtual means). A greater use of technology to facilitate attendance and participating in meetings should be promoted including to the Pa Enuu.
- Mainstreaming the environment into Government Business Plans should be encouraged to help achieve greening the economy objective.