

# National climate-change risk assessment: Context and framework

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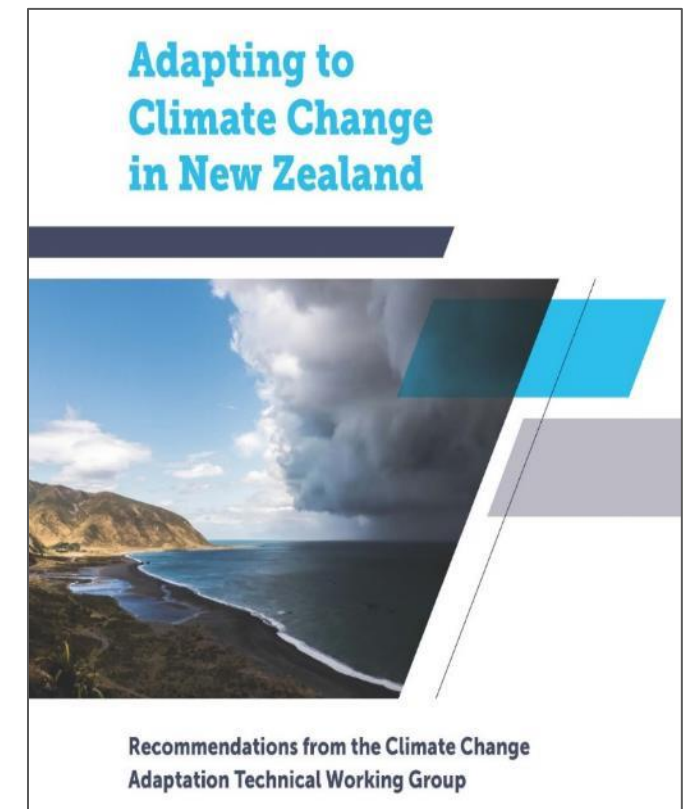


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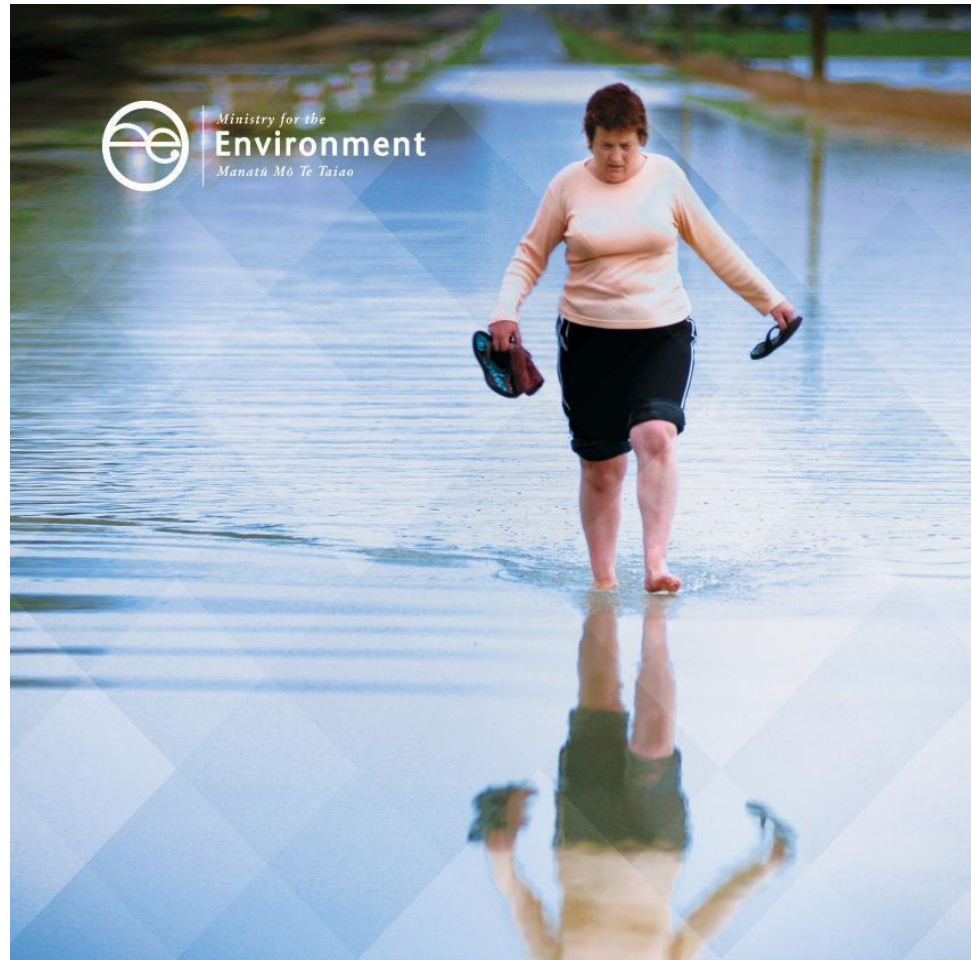
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# Context for action

- Paris Agreement COP21 (2015) – Article 7
  - Adaptation action should follow a ... participatory and fully transparent approach, .. consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, ... guided by the best available science and, as appropriate, ... knowledge of indigenous peoples..
  - The assessment of CC impacts and vulnerability, with a view to formulating nationally determined prioritized actions ...
- Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group
  - Action 3: Develop a national methodology and framework for assessing climate change risks and vulnerabilities
  - Action 4: Develop and regularly update a national climate change risk assessment
- Climate Change Response (0-Carbon) Amendment Act 2019
  - Established the independent Climate Change Commission (CCC): *s5ZP*: one of their roles will be to prepare a national climate change risk assessment at <6 year intervals



# Framework: National climate change risk assessment



## Arotakenga Huringa Āhuarangi

A FRAMEWORK FOR THE NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE  
RISK ASSESSMENT FOR AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

- Risk framework prepared by an Expert Panel convened by MfE – who coordinated 1<sup>st</sup> NCCRA
- Covers all Living Standards domains e.g. social, economic, infrastructure, environment, cultural
- Tiered approach:
  - **Risk screening:** high emission projection RCP8.5
  - **Detailed risk assessment:** on highest risks from screening, using RCP4.5 and RCP8.5
  - **Urgency assessment** for highest priority risks requiring adaptation actions (could be targeted research)
- Weaves in Mātāpono (guiding principles) – e.g. Whanaungatanga, Kaitiakitanga, ...
- Cascading risks difficult to build into conventional risk frameworks – build storylines for some examples

# National Climate Change Risk Assessment (NCCRA): Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act

- Other countries producing national risk assessments e.g. UK (2012, 2017, 2022), USA, Canada, UAE
- A national overview of how various hazards and threats may be influenced by climate change and prioritize the “most significant risks” [s5ZP]
- Informs the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) – 1<sup>st</sup> one now being prepared by the Govt (MfE)
- CCC to provide a NCCRA to Minister within a 6 year period – taking into account .....[s5ZQ]
  - ✓ Economic, social, health, environmental, ecological & cultural effects of CC
  - ✓ Distribution of effects across society – particularly vulnerable groups or sectors
  - ✓ Obligation under relevant international agreements
  - ✓ How it aligns & links with other national risk assessments
  - ✓ Current effects and likely future effects of CC
  - ✓ Scientific and technical advice
  - ✓ Risk disclosure – power to request information e.g. councils, financial institutions, etc [s5ZW]

# Thank you

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