

**IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL  
KEI MUA I TE TARAIPUNARA**

**WAI 3325**

**UNDER**

**The Treaty of Waitangi  
Act 1975**

**CONCERNING**

**The Climate Change  
Priority Inquiry**

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**MEMORANDUM OF COORDINATING COUNSEL**

Dated: 21 November 2025

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## TĒNĀ, E TE TARAIPUNARA

1. This memorandum of claimant co-ordinating counsel provides the tribunal with details of just released 2026 *Climate Change Performance Index* which monitors climate change mitigation efforts across countries emitting more than 90% of global GHG emissions.
2. The section of the report on New Zealand's efforts is filed with this memorandum. Details of the *Key Indicators* and the *CCPI 2026: Target Comparison* referred at the end of the document can be accessed online at <https://ccpi.org/country/nzl/>.
3. In summary the CCPI report states that New Zealand:
  - (a) Is ranked 44<sup>th</sup> amongst the 63 countries rated, being down from 41<sup>st</sup> in 2025;
  - (b) Overall is rated as a *low performer*.
  - (c) Has specific ratings of *low* for GHG emissions and energy use; *high* in renewable energy and *very low* for climate policies.
4. It is noted that these ratings were carried out prior to the recent government announcements of changes to the Climate Change Response Act and to the Clean Car Discount scheme. If these recent announced changes were taken into account it is likely that New Zealand's ratings would have been even lower.

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