**The importance of reducing transport emissions for the climate and future generations**

He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission is an independent Crown entity which provides evidence-based advice, monitoring and reporting to the Government of the day, to support Aotearoa New Zealand’s transition to a climate-resilient, low emissions future.

There are key mechanisms for reducing emissions in the transport sector which will play a critical role in helping to decarbonise Aotearoa New Zealand. The actions we as a country take now to address climate related emissions will determine the extent and cost of the impacts on future generations.

Our presentation to Transportation Group New Zealand will provide some of the key insights from our recent advice on the direction of policy for the second emissions reduction plan (2026-2030). Through modelling scenarios from our draft advice on the Fourth Emissions Budget, we will highlight the impacts of emissions reductions in the transport sector on households and communities through to 2040, which will be of strong interest to Transportation Group NZ members. We will also outline the Commission’s role in assessing progress against meeting emissions budgets, and the implementation and effectiveness of the National Adaptation Plan which aims to improve resiliency against the impacts of climate change.

Increasing education, awareness, and encouraging action to reduce transport emissions commencing now is essential for lessening the burden of climate change risks on future generations.