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Tēnā koe Acushla,

Thank you for your efforts as a member of the panel that created *Arotakenga Huringa Āhuarangi – A Framework for the National Climate Change Risk Assessment for Aotearoa New Zealand*.

This Framework is a critical tool to help New Zealand address the climate change challenge. Having a robust Framework is essential in ensuring that the National Climate Change Risk Assessment (NCCRA) is also robust and credible.

I was very impressed by the Framework and want to personally acknowledge the effort that went in to producing such a thorough and useful product in a very short timeframe. Your hard work and dedication is greatly valued.

Your knowledge and expertise will be important as we as a country deal with both the challenges and opportunities climate change presents. I particularly like the whakatauki you refer to early on in the Framework:

Ki te kore te tangata e manaaki i tōna taiao, ka kore te tangata e whai oranga

If people do not take care of the environment, we are not taking care of our own health and wellbeing.

I hope to have the opportunity to continue to work with you on this. Thank you for your significant contribution to this kaupapa.

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Shaw'.

Hon. James Shaw
Minister for Climate Change