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## MetService welcomes Government review of weather forecasting system

MetService welcomes and fully supports the Government's review into New Zealand's weather forecasting system announced today. (see <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-review-weather-forecasting-system>).

Climate change presents a serious threat to our planet and no country is immune from the consequences.

As New Zealand's meteorological service our objective has always been national resilience and safety through forecasting excellence and the weather-readiness of all New Zealanders.

The climate crisis means now is the time to improve and apply all our national forecasting and climate capabilities with focus and determination to build resilience as we face more frequent and increasingly severe weather events.

Everyone at MetService is committed to the very best weather forecasting system, which this review aims to achieve.

MetService remains New Zealand's official and trusted voice of weather forecasting and severe weather warnings.

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**Hon Dr Duncan Webb**

Minister for State Owned Enterprises



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### Government to review weather forecasting system

The Government has commissioned a review of New Zealand's weather forecasting system, State Owned Enterprises Minister Duncan Webb says.

"MetService Te Ratonga Tiorangi and NIWA Taihoro Nukurangi have capability critical to the delivery of aspects of weather forecasting in New Zealand.

"As the impacts of climate change become more frequent, we must ensure our weather forecasting system is cohesive," Duncan Webb said.

The weather forecasting review will inform the best approach to improving the system, focusing on the future needs, better integration across the forecasting system and relevant trends within the context of climate change.

"MetService Te Ratonga Tiorangi and NIWA Taihoro Nukurangi are critical agencies when it comes to responding to weather events caused by climate change.

"A connected weather forecasting system that is integrated with our understanding of flooding impacts on communities and our nation's infrastructure is essential.

"Our systems should reflect the interrelationship between climate science, forecasting, hydrology, and coastal hazards to help us better plan for, and respond to weather events," Duncan Webb said.

The review will be led by Te Tai Ōhanga the Treasury and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Hikina Whakatutuki, and will commence in September 2023.

The review's final report is anticipated to be with the Government in February 2024.

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