



Ministry for Primary Industries  
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**To:** Hon Todd McClay, Minister of Agriculture  
Hon Simon Watts, Minister of Climate Change  
**From:** Charlotte Denny, Director – Natural Resources Policy, Policy & Trade  
Stephen Goodman, Acting General Manager – Climate Change Mitigation, Climate Change Mitigation and Resource Efficiency

## Approval to lodge: Announcing the methane science and target review

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| <b>Date</b> | 21 March 2024 | <b>Reference</b> | MPI: Sub24-0037 |
|             |               |                  | MfE: BRF-4449   |

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| <b>Decision required</b>  | <b>Date decision required by</b> |
| YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/> | 22 March 2024                    |

### Purpose

- This briefing seeks your approval to lodge an updated draft Cabinet paper, ‘Announcing the methane science and target review’, on 22 March to ensure consideration at Economic Policy (ECO) Committee on 27 March, followed by Cabinet consideration on 2 April.


### Key updates to the Cabinet paper

#### No Ministerial feedback received

- On 19 to 20 March, you consulted with Ministers on a draft Cabinet paper to support announcing the methane science and target review before 8 April 2024.
- We understand no feedback was received from Ministerial consultation.

#### Summary of agency feedback

- Parallel to the above Ministerial consultation period the Ministry for Primary Industries and the Ministry for the Environment consulted with relevant agencies on the draft Cabinet paper.

4. The following feedback from agency consultation has been included in tracked changes for your consideration in the updated draft Cabinet paper (**Appendix One**):
- a) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet recommended we include context on why our current domestic climate change targets were chosen and to include a reference to what the Climate Change Commission will consider in its review. We have included both suggestions as footnotes in the paper.
  - b) 9(2)(g)(i) 
  - c) We have also made some minor suggested editorial changes at paragraphs 5 and 17.

## Recommendations

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5. It is recommended that you:

- a) **Agree** to lodge the Cabinet paper (**Appendix One**) by Friday 22 March for consideration at ECO Committee on 27 March, followed by Cabinet on 2 April.

YES / NO

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## Appendix One: Cabinet paper to lodge – Announcing the methane science and targets

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This appendix is being refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the final cabinet paper will soon be made publicly available.