



**To:** Hon Todd McClay, Minister of Agriculture  
Hon Simon Watts, Minister of Climate Change  
**From:** Charlotte Denny, Director – Natural Resources Policy, Policy & Trade  
Hemi Smiler, General Manager – Climate Change Mitigation, Climate Change Mitigation and Resource Efficiency

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

<b>Date</b>	23 May 2024	<b>Reference</b>	MPI: Sub24-0051
		MfE: BRF 4812	

<b>Decision required</b>	<b>Date decision required by</b>
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/>	23 March 2024

### Purpose

- This briefing seeks your approval to lodge an updated draft Cabinet paper, '*Initiating the methane science and target review*', on 23 May to ensure consideration at Economic Policy (ECO) Committee on 29 May, followed by Cabinet consideration on 4 June.

### Key updates to the Cabinet paper

- On 14 to 22 May, you consulted with Ministers on a draft Cabinet paper to support initiating the Methane Science and Target Review by 30 June.
- The following feedback from Ministerial consultation has been included in tracked changes for your consideration in the updated draft Cabinet paper (at **Appendix One**):
  - Paragraphs 13 and 14** detail the process for determining a baseline for the panel to consider throughout the review. This paragraph proposes that you both, along with Associate Agriculture and Climate Change Minister are given delegated authority to finalise the ToR ahead of APH in June.
  - Recommendation 6** – We added Associate Agriculture and Climate Change Ministers to the group of delegated Ministers who will confirm the ToR ahead of APH (as above).

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## Next steps

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3. Following lodgement of this Cabinet paper on Thursday 23 May, the table below sets out steps to support commencing the Review before 30 June 2024:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Step</b>
29 May	ECO consideration of attached Cabinet paper
30 May	Joint Ministers meeting on panel selection
4 June	Cabinet approval of attached Cabinet paper
30 May	Joint meeting (MoA and MCC)
31 May	APH Cabinet paper due with Ministers
6 – 12 June ( <i>5 days</i> )	Ministerial consultation on APH paper
14 June	Lodge APH paper
18 June	APH consideration
24 June	Cabinet approval

## Recommendations

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4. It is recommended that you:

- a) **Agree** to lodge the Cabinet paper (**Appendix One**) by Thursday 23 May for consideration at ECO Committee on 29 May, followed by Cabinet on 4 June.

YES / NO

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## **Appendix One: Cabinet paper to lodge – Initiating the methane science and targets review**

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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.