

Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting papers for 20 May 2024

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MfE priority: Urgent

Actions sought from Ministers		
Name and position	Action sought	Response by
To Hon Simon WATTS Minister of Climate Change	Provide feedback , if any, on the attached meeting papers for the Climate Priorities Ministerial Group (CPMG) meeting on 20 May	14 May 2024
	OR Agree to forward the attached meeting papers to CPMG members ahead of the 20 May meeting Note you will receive a separate briefing on the sufficiency and legal risks relating to the development of the second emissions reduction plan (BRF-4753).	14 May 2024

Actions for Minister's office staff			
If Minister has feedback on the attached material: Provide feedback to the Climate Change IEB Unit (board@climateieb.govt.nz) OR, if Minister has no feedback: Forward the attached CPMG agenda and meeting papers to the Ministers listed in recommendation (b) below Return the signed briefing to the Climate Change IEB Unit (board@climateieb.govt.nz).			
Appendices and attachments			
1. Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting papers for 20 May 2024			
Key contacts			
Position	Name	Cell phone	First contact
Principal Author	Mel Rae	s 9(2)(a)	
Chief Advisor	Jane White	s 9(2)(a)	
Executive Director	Lisa Daniell	s 9(2)(a)	✓
Minister's comments			

Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting papers for 20 May 2024

Purpose

1. Attached to this briefing is the final agenda and meeting papers for the upcoming Climate Priorities Ministerial Group (CPMG) meeting (see Attachment 1).
2. This meeting is scheduled for Monday 20 May, 7:30pm – 8:15pm in the Ministerial Meeting Room, Level 2 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings.
3. The agenda items and discussion objectives are outlined in the table below, along with the associated paper reference in italics. Recommendations sought through this meeting are outlined in the CPMG meeting agenda in the attached meeting pack.

#	Item	Purpose / objectives
1	Agree Climate approach/Vision	To discuss your proposed climate vision and agree the key pillars ahead of Cabinet consideration. <i>Paper 1.1: Cabinet paper - Establishing our approach to responding to climate change (includes one-page vision)</i>
2	Developing the second emissions reduction plan	The purpose of this item is to discuss the suite of policies proposed to be included in the ERP2 discussion document. As part of this item, you may like to discuss the need for Ministers to prioritise working with their officials to ensure policies are quantified as much as possible. <i>Paper 2.1: Developing the second emissions reduction plan (ERP2)</i>
3	Any other business	This item is to note the May 2024 Quarterly report from the Climate Change Interdepartmental Executive Board. The report includes progress updates and the latest interim emissions projections. <i>Paper 3.1 Climate Change Chief Executives Board Quarterly Report to CPMG, May 2024</i>

4. Please note for item 1, your office is currently consulting with the Prime Minister's Office on the papers on the Climate Vision. As such, Paper 1.1 will be provided to CPMG Ministers separately by your office, ahead of the CPMG meeting.
5. Officials from the IEB Unit and MfE will be available at your Officials meeting on Monday 20 May to discuss the proposed approach to the meeting and any questions or concerns you have as Chair.

Additional information on the sufficiency requirements for ERP2

6. The Climate Change Chief Executives Board met on 10 May to discuss the draft CPMG agenda and materials and how to best support Ministers at the upcoming meeting. s 9(2)(h)

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7. As a result of the discussion, the Board considers it would be useful to discuss in more detail with Ministers as part of the ERP2 item:
 - the requirements for ERP2 to set out the policies and strategies to meet emissions budget 2 (section 5ZG(1)(a) of the CCRA);
 - recent interim projections, which suggest achieving emissions budgets is more challenging than projections showed in December;
 - possible scenarios for meeting the second emissions budget (and putting the steps in place to achieve the third emissions budget).
8. Officials will also provide you with more detailed information on the sufficiency and legal risks relating to the development of the second emissions reduction plan (this will be BRF-4753).
9. Officials will also be able to talk through the key messages from that upcoming briefing on the sufficiency and legal risks relating to the preparation of ERP2, including how you may wish to position this advice at the CPMG meeting.

Recommendations

10. We recommend that you:

- a. **Provide feedback** on the attached material for the CPMG meeting on 20 May

OR

- b. **Agree** to forward the attached CPMG agenda and papers to the Climate Priorities Ministerial Group members ahead of the meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 20 May 2024:
 - Hon Nicola Willis – Minister of Finance; Associate Minister of Climate Change
 - Hon Chris Bishop – Minister of Infrastructure, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform, Minister of Housing
 - Hon Simeon Brown – Minister for Energy, Minister of Transport, Minister of Local Government
 - Hon Todd McClay – Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Forestry, Minister for Trade
 - Rt Hon Winston Peters – Minister of Foreign Affairs
 - Hon Mark Mitchell, Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery
 - Hon Tama Potaka, Minister of Conservation, and Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti
 - Hon Penny Simmonds, Minister for the Environment
 - Hon Shane Jones, Minister for Regional Development and Resources
 - Hon Mark Patterson, Minister for Rural Communities
 - Simon Court MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to Minister for Infrastructure, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Yes | No

- c. **Note** you will receive a separate briefing on the sufficiency and legal risks relating to the development of the second emissions reduction plan.

Signatures

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Daniell', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Daniell
Executive Director
Climate Change Chief Executives Board Unit
13 May 2024

Hon Simon WATTS
Minister of Climate Change

Date