

Briefing: Draft Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting papers for review

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Actions sought from Ministers		
<i>Name and position</i>	<i>Action sought</i>	<i>Response by</i>
To Hon Simon WATTS Minister of Climate Change	Review and provide feedback on draft agenda and papers for the upcoming Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting	Discuss with Officials 6 May 2024

Actions for Minister's office staff
Return the signed briefing to the Climate Change IEB Unit (board@climateieb.govt.nz).

Appendices and attachments
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Climate Priorities Ministerial Group agenda 20 May 2024 <i>Establishing our approach to responding to climate change</i> Cabinet paper Climate Vision A3

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Minister's comments

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Key messages

1. The next Climate Priorities Ministerial Group (CPMG) meeting is scheduled for 20 May at 7:30pm. This briefing provides you with the draft agenda for that meeting, and an update on the draft meeting papers proposed to be considered.
2. Draft papers proposed for CPMG include:

Paper	Status
Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting agenda	Draft provided with this briefing for your consideration and feedback
Item 1: Establishing our approach to responding to climate change	Draft Cabinet paper and one-pager provided with this briefing (<i>Establishing our approach to responding to climate change Cabinet paper, and Climate Vision A3</i>)
Item 2: Delivering the second emissions reduction plan	Draft paper to be provided by MfE at the meeting on Monday
Item 3: Quarterly report and interim projections	See accompanying briefing note BRF-4862 and its appendix for information on updated interim projections. The quarterly report is still in development with agencies, a final will be provided to you after the Board considers that at its meeting on 10 May.

Agenda item 1: Cabinet paper setting out approach to responding to Climate Change

3. The Cabinet paper and accompanying one-pager on the approach to responding to climate change will be circulated by your Office for Ministerial consultation on or around 3 May.
4. You have previously advised officials that you want to bring your paper on the Government's overall approach to responding to climate change to Cabinet at the first available date. This would mean presenting the paper at CBC on 13 May (given this is a non-sitting week for ECO committee) and Cabinet on 20 May, i.e. it would be considered by Cabinet earlier on the same day as the CPMG meeting.
5. We recommend delaying this paper by one week so that it can be considered and discussed by your CPMG colleagues before Cabinet committee. On this timeline, the paper could be discussed at CPMG on Monday 20 May, ECO committee on 22 May and Cabinet on 27 May.
6. We seek your direction on your preferred timeline and sequencing of discussions with your colleagues. We will then update the agenda for CPMG as needed.

Agenda item 2: Plan for second emissions reduction plan

7. We are preparing a short presentation to support this item and plan to discuss a draft version with you at the CPMG preparation meeting with IEB and MfE Officials on Monday 6 May.
8. The purpose of this item would be to:
 - i Update your colleagues on the approach being taken in preparing ERP and how it aligns with your overarching vision;
 - ii Summarise the main components of the ERP2 discussion document, highlighting in particular the main points of particular sensitivity to specific Ministers.
9. We would like your feedback on whether there are other points you would like to raise in this item. One option would be to have key Ministers present a short summary of their sector's priorities within ERP2, in order for the group to collectively understand the key policies planned for inclusion.

Potential interim projections discussion at CPMG

10. You have received separately a briefing on the latest interim emissions projections and updates to climate modelling [BRF-4862 refers]. That paper notes that our latest projections indicate changes from previous modelling. It is proposed that the interim projections be included in the Board's upcoming quarterly report for CPMG.
11. We recommend your CPMG colleagues are updated on this modelling and explore the implications and opportunities for ERP2. This could include considering whether to include the updated modelling in the ERP2 discussion document.

Next steps

12. You have a meeting with Officials at 3pm Monday 6 May to provide your feedback and direction on the draft CPMG agenda and related papers.
13. The Climate Change Chief Executives Board will consider the meeting papers, quarterly report, and agenda at their meeting on 10 May to discuss how to best support Ministers at CPMG.
14. Once feedback is received, material will be updated and finalised. Agenda items as proposed may now only require a one-hour meeting.

Recommendations

15. We recommend that you:

- a. **review** the draft CPMG meeting agenda and papers attached to this briefing;
- b. **meet** with IEB and MfE **officials** at 3pm on 6 May to discuss the draft material and meeting approach to provide feedback and direction.

Yes | No

Signatures



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Hon Simon WATTS
Minister of Climate Change

Date