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**Subject:** FW: [IN-CONFIDENCE]FW: CPMG pack - urgent advice requested  
**Date:** Thursday, 16 May 2024 1:10:23 pm  
**Attachments:** [20240520 CPMG papers - updated 16 May - option1.pdf](#)  
[20240520 CPMG papers - updated 16 May - option2.pdf](#)  
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Kia ora James,

Thanks for sending through the further feedback from the Minister. **9(2)(g)(i)**

You will recall the intent of bringing the CPMG meeting forward to May from June was due to a number of significant papers due to be submitted to Cabinet in late May/early June. The May timing then enabled a discussion on that material to garner understanding and support, and to work through any comments as needed from the climate-related ministers prior to wider ministerial consultation and Cabinet consideration.

It is for this reason that the papers for CPMG were drafted with a level of detail to enable such a discussion, in particular to help socialise materials. More specifically: 1. Land the Minister's climate strategy ahead of Cab Committee; 2. Highlight for ERP2 what is coming next in terms other CPMG ministers understanding the legal requirements that need to be met relating to the second emissions reduction plan (such as for consultation, timeframes for delivery, required content – including what the CCRA requires **s 9(2)(h)** ). Through this discussion, and with the support of the Report from the Board to CPMG, it was also to support the Minister to communicate the new interim projections and what that means for the challenge ahead to reduce emissions in line with targets (and the role ERP2 will need to play in that). As the quarterly report is a product of the Board, we are hesitant to remove all detail, but propose options below for moving forward with the meeting.

### **Option 1**

This would see the discussion lifting mostly an information-sharing discussion for CPMG Ministers to understand what is coming up to be taken through Cabinet.

The legal requirements related to the development and timing for the second emissions reduction plan can be canvassed in the material and discussion at Cabinet Committee

This would involve:

- Agenda remains the same
- Paper 1.1 as provided by the Office
- Paper 2.1 slimmed down to essentially the noting recs for timeframes to Cabinet, and the list of policies proposed to be included in the discussion document (page 1 and 4 of previous ERP2 paper per the Minister's feedback from this morning)
- Paper 3.1 a brief high-level summary of the Board's quarterly report  
[Separately and post-CPMG have the Board's full report circulated to CPMG Ministers as FYI]

### **Option 2**

Use the meeting as the opportunity to discuss high-level details of the upcoming work (Strategy and ERP2) to work through feedback prior to Cabinet consideration, and to communicate with Ministers the current emissions outlook and legal duty to have a plan that is deemed sufficient.

This would involve:

- Agenda remains the same
- Paper 1.1 as provided by the Office
- Paper 2.1 stays as a slightly longer form of the ERP2 paper (including the slide of CCRA requirements, requirement to consult and sufficiency)
- Paper 3.1 Quarterly report, however we can accommodate some of the updates the Minister has signalled.

We have provided 2 packs attached here for ease of reference and hopefully speedy circulation.

Ngā mihi

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Waea pūkoro: **s 9(2)(a)**

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**Subject:** RE: CPMG pack - urgent advice requested

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Sorry, should have been clearer on my commissioning (was trying to get you the material to review asap).

**Request:** In the next hour or so can you please respond with advice on the following:

1. Comment on what the ERP2 paper can look like based on this feedback
  - any areas of push back? i.e. the CCRA requirements for what the ERP2 must do?
2. Comment on the IEB paper feedback
  - i.e. MCC cannot amend the content, however there are options around this being taken off the agenda/pack and sent separately?

**Next steps:**

- I will then try to speak directly with the MCC to talk through our advice and hopefully finalise the pack
- Then I can ensure the CPMG pack is sent out today to Ministers.

Also as an FYI on the CPMG itself:

- CPMG will be in person only (no online) Attendees to be much smaller than the first:
- Ministers + 1 (advisor), plus a note taker per minister
- CC IEB CEOs invited
- IEB representative (Lisa)

Ngā mihi,

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Waea Pūkoro : s 9(2)(a)

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Kia ora all – MCC has requested what I deem to be potentially material changes to the revised CPMG Pack which we need to discuss urgently.

I have communicated back to the MFAT private sec (who is relaying this all to me) that I need to provide the MCC advice on the impact of removing this content before actioning.

Ngā mihi,

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