



13 February 2025

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Thank you for your email of 9 January 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I see from the emails that the panel and/or the chair agreed to meet with a number of stakeholders. Under the OIA, I request that you provide:*

- 1. A list of all individuals or groups who met with the panel, its chair or its members to discuss the methane science and targets review.*
- 2. Meeting notes from all meetings mentioned in point 1.*

*I also see that stakeholder engagement was due to be discussed at the panel meeting on 23 July. Under the OIA, I request that you release: 3. The agenda and meeting notes from this meeting.*

In response to part 1 of your request, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) can confirm that the Methane Review Ministerial Advisory Panel (the Panel) met with Wayne McNee (CEO, AgriZero) and members of the methane science accord organised by Owen Jennings.

In response to part 2, the Panel confirmed that they do not have meeting notes for any of the meetings mentioned in part 1. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

The Ministry has identified two documents in scope of part 3 of your request and we are releasing these documents to you in full, as listed in the attached document schedule.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā,

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Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

### Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	25/7/24	Agenda - Methane Science and Target Review – Discussion on Terms of Reference and approach to initial research	Released in full	N/A
2	25/7/24	Meeting minutes - Methane Science and Target Review – Discussion on Terms of Reference and approach to initial research	Released in full	N/A