



## Briefing: Proposed ERA Amendments: Detailed Policy Decisions

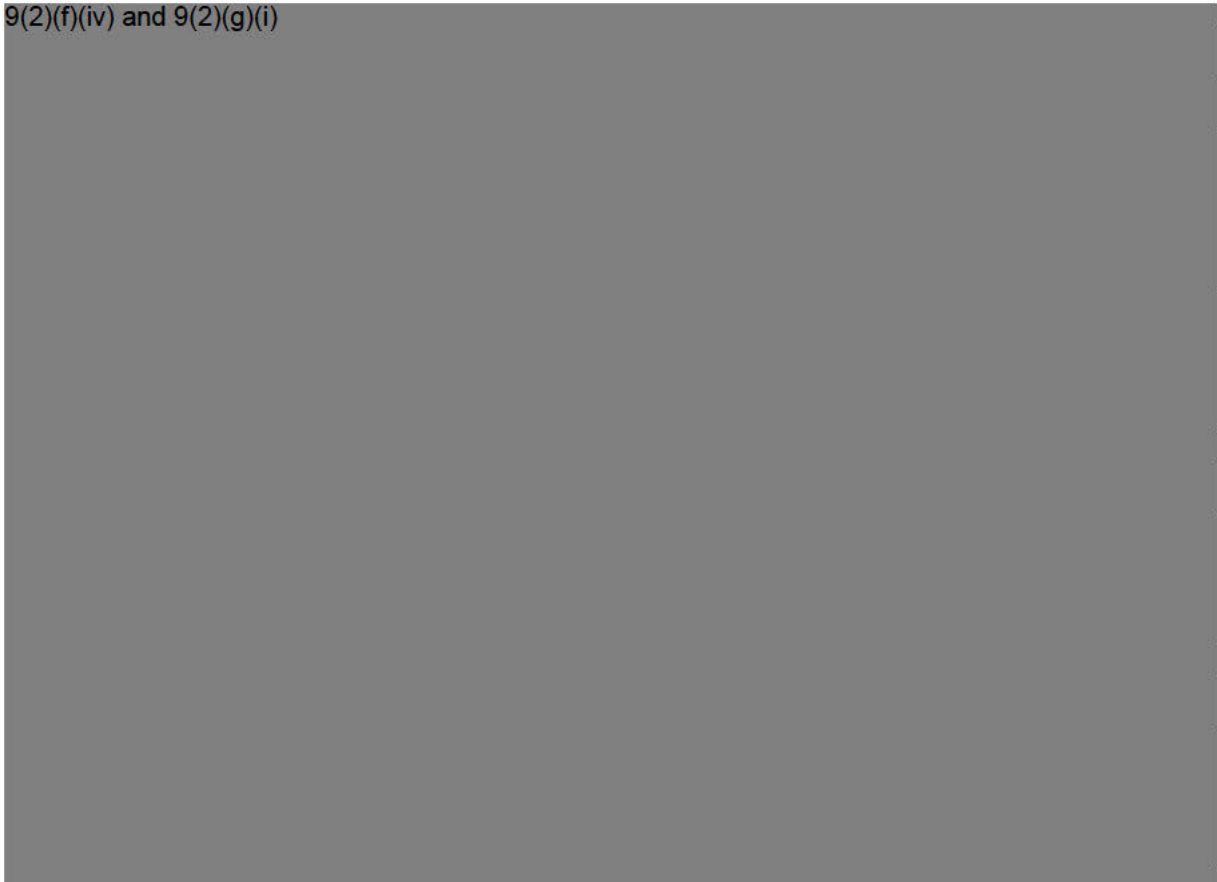
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1. This briefing responds to your request for further advice on detailed Environmental Reporting Act 2015 (ERA) policy amendment proposals. 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i)

2. We are seeking your direction on the detailed amendment proposals set out in Annex 1. 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i)

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5. Your feedback on this briefing will provide the basis for an 9(2)(f) Cabinet paper, seeking approval of final policy decisions. This will enable the Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) to begin redrafting of the Bill, in line with the Government's direction and priorities.





9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i)

1. This briefing provides further advice on the detail of proposals to amend the Environmental Reporting Act 2015 (ERA). It seeks your decisions on specific policy proposals to take to Cabinet. Officials will then prepare a Cabinet Paper seeking approval to direct the Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) to draft a revised Bill.

9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i)













54. We have worked with Stats NZ to prepare the advice presented in this briefing. We have also tested significant revisions to amendment proposals with our advisory group of regional sector science and policy experts.

58. The briefing notes related to amending the ERA will be proactively released on MfE's website, subject to redactions in keeping with the principles of the Official Information Act 1982.

62. Subject to your feedback on this briefing, officials will prepare a revised Regulatory Impact Statement to accompany a Cabinet paper seeking approval of policy decisions.

64. Following your feedback on this briefing, we will prepare a draft Cabinet paper seeking policy approval of ERA amendment proposals, to inform the PCO's drafting of the Bill. An indicative timeline is set out in Table 1 below:













