

From: Ministerials
Sent: Friday, 17 January 2025 8:10 am
To: Jamie Molea [EXTERNAL] (Parliament); James Coombes [EXTERNAL] (PARLIAMENT)
Subject: MINISTRY'S PROPOSED RESPONSE - No Additional Warming Methane Report, 9(2)(a)
Attachments: CLASSIFICATION FW: No Additional Warming Methane Report; RE: [STAFF IN-CLASSIFICATION] FW: No Additional Warming Methane Report; 2024.12.05 Lttr to Minister re Methane Report.pdf; Report+ - +Aotearoa+New+Zealand's+action+on+biogenic+methane.pdf; Technical note - Aotearoa New Zealand's action on biogenic methane by 2050.pdf

Kia ora James and Jamie

Please find attached the ministry's proposed response to the writer, 9(2)(a) .

Ngā mihi,

Naz Buffkins (she/her)

Advisor | Kaitohutohu

Ministerial Services

From: Jamie Molea <Jamie.Molea@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 6 December 2024 1:39 pm
To: Hemi Smiler <Hemi.Smiler@mfe.govt.nz>; Mark Vink <Mark.Vink@mfe.govt.nz>; Sam Buckle <Sam.Buckle@mfe.govt.nz>; Cheryl Moir <Cheryl.Moir@mfe.govt.nz>
Cc: James Coombes [EXTERNAL] (PARLIAMENT) <James.Coombes@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: No Additional Warming Methane Report

Hi team

Find attached correspondence from LCANZI relating to methane review.

Could you advise on next steps from here?

Thanks
Jamie

From: 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 5 December 2024 4:30 PM
To: Simon Watts (MIN) <S.Watts@ministers.govt.nz>
Cc: 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a); 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a)
Subject: No Additional Warming Methane Report

Kia ora Minister,

Please find **attached** a letter from Lawyers for Climate Action NZ, and an accompanying research report and technical note prepared by Kristen Green from Kapiti Climate Action for your consideration.

We are happy to engage with you and/or your officials further on this matter.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)

LAWYERS FOR

CLIMATE ACTION  NZ INC.



Thursday 5 December 2024

Hon. Simon Watts, Minister for Climate Change
s.watts@ministers.govt.nz

Re: Report on use of no additional warming based methane targets

Tēnā koe Minister,

1. We refer to the report released publicly yesterday of the independent review panel (the Panel) which reviewed Aotearoa New Zealand's methane science and targets in line with a 'no additional warming' approach.
2. To our knowledge, if Aotearoa New Zealand were to adopt such a target, we would be the first country in the world to do so and it would be a backsliding in ambition.
3. For your consideration, we **attach** a peer-reviewed report by Kapiti Climate Insights that addresses some of the matters the Panel was excluded from considering under the Terms of Reference, but which are nonetheless highly relevant. This includes:
 - a. whether the principle of 'no additional warming' is consistent with the Paris Agreement principles of 'fair share', 'equity', and 'highest possible ambition';
 - b. the possible impacts of a 'no additional warming' based target on the burden sharing responsibilities of different sectors or nations;
 - c. why Aotearoa New Zealand's current target range is feasible, and why maintaining an ambitious target is in Aotearoa New Zealand's best interests.
4. We are happy to meet and discuss the report with you and/or your officials.

Yours faithfully,

9(2)(a)

9(2)(a) **Lawyers for Climate Action NZ Inc**

cc 9(2)(a)

Note: the report attached is refused in full under section 18(d) of the Act as it is already publicly available at:
<https://www.lawyersforclimateaction.nz/news-events/methane-matters-and-so-do-metrics>

Hon Simon Watts

Minister of Climate Change
Minister of Revenue



9(2)(a)

Lawyers for Climate Action NZ Inc
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Dear 9(2)(a)

I write to respond to your letter dated 5 December 2024 about adopting a 'no additional warming' approach.

Thank you for providing the report by Kapiti Climate Insights that covers matters additional to the findings of the independent review on New Zealand's biogenic methane science and targets. I have forwarded this report to officials at the Ministry for the Environment.

There are a range of matters for the Government to balance when considering any change to our 2050 Target. We will take time to carefully consider the methane review panel's findings alongside the advice from the Climate Change Commission and advice from officials when making any decisions.

Thank you for the invitation to meet. However, I am unable to meet with you at this time due to other commitments.

Thank you again for writing to me on this important issue.

Yours sincerely

Hon Simon Watts
Minister of Climate Change