Agenda

Agenda title	**ESEG- Workshop**
Date	Tuesday 24th June
Location	Buddle Findlay, Aon Centre, 1 Willis Street, Wellington 6011
Attendances	**ESEG**: Chris Drayton (CEN); Karen Sky (GEN); Lisa Mead (MNW), Kristina Healy (MCY), David Allen (BF), Martin Williams, 9(2)(a) (TP), 9(2)(a) (TP), Andrew Feierabend (MEL), Humphrey Tapper (MEL) – Online -Shirley Chamberlin (MCY), Mhairi Rademaker (GEN) **MfE**: David Chittenden, Matt Spiro **MBIE**: Daniel Brown
Apologies	Hamish Cuthbert, Mark Chrisp, Kevin Hart
Prior reading	Appendix (attached)
Time	**1 – 4pm**

Agenda item	Approx timing	Notes
1	1:00 – 1:15	Introductions - Background - Purpose of Workshop
2	1:15 -2:30	NPS-REG - Objective, Policies and Conflict Statement at Appendix below
3	2:30 - 3:15	Discussion of National Direction Package - Policy 6 – NZCPS - NPS-FW - Discussion document – wetlands - NPS-I – alignment with NPS-REG - Implementation – transition into plans
4	3:15 – 3:30pm	Existing REG: Repowering, reconsenting/footprint or spatial zoning
5	3:30 – 3:45pm	Phase III Reforms- Fast Track Test?
6	3:45pm – 4pm	Any other business

Appendix – Draft wording for NPS-REG Discussion

1.1 Objective

To secure, maintain and significantly increase renewable electricity generation in New Zealand as a nationally significant matter of priority and urgency, in order to:

(a) Reduce the rate of climate change and severity of its effects by reducing greenhouse gas emissions;

(b) Achieve New Zealand's energy and emission reduction targets as defined by legislation or central government policy documents or plans;

(c) Provide greater security of supply and resilience to the effects of climate change and natural hazards; and

(d) Sustain and enhance the social, economic, cultural, health and well-being of people and communities.

1.2 Policies

Policy 1: Planning decisions must recognise and enable the delivery of the nationally significant benefits of existing, upgraded, repowered or new renewable electricity generation at any scale, giving priority to those benefits over local adverse effects.

Policy 2: Planning decisions must secure, maintain, and protect existing REG assets and resources including by:

(a) Recognising and providing for the operational and/or functional needs of REG activities;

(b) Avoiding reverse sensitivity effects on REG activities;

(c) Avoiding the loss of existing renewable electricity generation output and operational flexibility, including through planning decisions involving existing REG assets;

(d) Avoiding any reduction in the potential utilisation of renewable resources resulting from incompatible subdivision, use or development;

(e) Enabling the timely and efficient upgrading and repowering of existing REG assets; and

(f) Assuming an existing environment that includes the operation of the existing REG asset when considering consent or designation renewals under the Act.

Policy 3: Planning decisions and processes must be effective and efficient and deliver approvals for renewal of existing, upgraded, repowered or new REG activities at the necessary pace and scale to meet the objective including by:

(a) Enabling cumulative increases of REG capacity at any scale; and/or
(b) Recognising and providing for the operational and/or functional needs of new REG activities.

Policy 4: Planning decisions must recognise that REG activities need to be located where the renewable energy resource is located and provide for them in those areas.

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1.3 Relationship with other National Policy Statements, Regional Policy Statements and Plans

(1) The provisions of this national policy statement prevail over the provisions of any other national policy statement if there is a conflict between them.

(a) For the avoidance of doubt:

(i) a planning decision may allow an REG activity as defined by this policy statement, despite anything to the contrary in another national policy statement or the provisions of a policy statement of plan or proposed policy statement or plan giving effect to that other national policy statement;

(ii) the Effects Management Framework set out in this NPS applies to any planning decision involving an REG activity, not the effects management hierarchy or framework in any other national policy statement, or the provisions of a policy statement of plan or proposed policy statement or plan giving effect to that other national policy statement; and

(iii) Where there is a conflict between them, this NPS does not prevail over Te Ture Whaimana – the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River.

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