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Subject:	RE: [EXTERNAL] catch up on NPS-REG revised drafting [UNCLASSIFIED]
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Hi Daniel

Further to our email below, please find attached a copy of our legal position paper prepared by Martin Williams for ESEG. We are more than happy to discuss anything arising from the position paper.

Thank you also for the catch up this morning on the new resource management system.

Ngā mihi

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] catch up on NPS-REG revised drafting [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Daniel

Thanks for your email. Please find attached our email to Chris Bishop regarding the proposed NPS-REG, which includes an attached letter and draft NPS-REG prepared by the ESEG.

We agree that it would be beneficial to spend some time workshopping the proposed NPS-REG and the rationale behind it. In this regard, we also have an accompanying draft Position Paper that outlines the rationale and considerations underpinning our approach, which we would be keen to

share with you. This Position Paper should be available to forward to you before the end of this week.

In the meantime, should we try to schedule a meeting to discuss the proposed NPS-REG?

Ngā mihi

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We work flexibly at Meridian. While it suits me to send this email now, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] catch up on NPS-REG revised drafting [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Humphrey – thanks for the phone call yesterday, offering to talk officials through ESEG's proposed re-draft of the NPS-REG.

I appreciate you've been waiting for some time for further conversations on this, given we last spoke in 2024. And we do appreciate the ability to work drafting through in detail – as with the last time we met.

I checked in with some colleagues at MFE (cc to this email) – as I mentioned on the phone, it is likely that consultation material on the NPS-REG (and a wide range of other national direction changes) will go out for consultation in the very near future – ie potentially this month (though contingent on final Cabinet decisions). This content will be locked in and unlikely to change before public release.

So there is a good chance you could send your revised drafting to Ministers and officials very close to release of consultation material, and then need to refresh your proposals shortly afterwards to reflect the consultation material (in light of both what is in the NPS-REG, but also in

relation to other national direction that may interact with it).

Hopefully that is useful context – but ultimately it is up to ESEG and the individual companies on how and when you want to engage with Ministers and agencies – we certainly don't want to gate-keep your ability to engage on these matters as you see fit.

Perhaps have a chat around ESEG and let us know how you want to proceed – whatever the timing we are keen to engage in detail on proposed changes to the NPS including your ideas. We'll organise the logistics of engagement at a future date – but perhaps spending some time workshopping face to face is ideal?

Also…I understand MFE is organising an RM Reform discussion session with the energy sector on 13 May, so another option is to test the waters with NPS progress / RM reform at this session before you make a final call on engagement.

Have a good weekend, Daniel

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