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	<b>Action sought:</b>	<b>Response by:</b>
To: Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change	Referral	N/A

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	<b>Forward</b> the briefing paper with attached draft Cabinet paper to the Deputy Prime Ministers office by 12pm Return the signed report to MfE
Number of appendices and attachments:	Titles of appendices and attachments: 1. Draft Cabinet paper: Consultation on Government's proposed action on agricultural emissions
Note any feedback on the quality of the report	

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## Updated Draft Cabinet paper: Final Policy Decisions for action on agricultural emissions

1. This briefing provides a third draft of the Cabinet paper with your feedback, to be sent to the Deputy Prime Minister's office. It also provides some additional information around the governance of funding and clarification under Option 1 or 2 for your information.
2. The Cabinet paper seeks approval of final policy decisions for action on agricultural emissions, to be included in the Climate Change Response Amendment Bill (CCRAB).
3. As per your direction, we have included your suggested changes and also outlined in the paper our preference for the Agricultural Emissions Fund and its governance arrangements (see below).

### *Supplementary advice on the governance of funding*

4. In the draft Cabinet paper provided to you on 27 August we suggested an alternative for describing the governance of emissions funds to describing it as a project.
5. The key difference in describing the use of the funds in the context of a project is it makes clearer the governance and funds are for the purposing of implementing the Joint Action Plan not for the purposes of running a contestable fund made up of individual projects, such as the Sustainable Farming Fund.
6. Describing the use of funds in terms of a project also allows more scope for describing a technical advisory group to support the project. In addition to good co-governance, a supporting technical advisory group made up of government, iwi/Maori, agriculture sector technical representatives will be critical for progressing implementation of the Joint Action Plan. This technical advisory group can be made up of a wider set of stakeholder technical representatives than would be workable in a governance group.
7. However, given it is proposed the detail of how the fund and governance will be implemented is delegated to a subset of Ministers, we recommend keeping the language associated with the fund used previously and as recommended by the ICCC. We do recommend adding a description around the purpose of the fund and its governance to enable implementation of the Joint Action Plan and highlighting the governance group be supported by a technical advisory group made up of a wider set of stakeholder technical representatives.

## Recommendations

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8. We recommend that you:


- a. **Forward** a copy of this briefing and appendix to the Deputy Prime Minister's Office

Yes / No

- b. **Agree** that this briefing and appendices will be released proactively on the Ministry for the Environment's website within eight weeks of final policy decisions.

Yes / No

**Signatures**



Mark Storey  
**Manager, Climate Change**

Hon James Shaw  
**Minister for Climate Change**

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## Appendix 1: Draft Cabinet paper

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[withheld as this draft version of the Cabinet paper was superseded by the final version, which is publicly available at [www.mfe.govt.nz](http://www.mfe.govt.nz) - search for *Final policy decisions for action on agricultural emissions*]

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## Appendix 1.

### Submissions Analysis

[withheld as this draft version of the submissions analysis was superseded by the final version, which is publicly available at [www.mfe.govt.nz](http://www.mfe.govt.nz) - search for *Action on agricultural emissions summary of submissions*]

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**Appendix 2.**

Regulatory Impact Analysis [still to come]

[withheld as this draft version of the Regulatory Impact Analysis was superseded by the final version, which is publicly available at [www.mfe.govt.nz](http://www.mfe.govt.nz) - search for *Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the agriculture sector*]

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**Appendix 3.**

He Waka Eke Noa: A Primary Sector Climate Change Commitment

[withheld as this is already publicly available online via DairyNZ, Horticulture New Zealand and Beef+Lamb websites]

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