

Appendix 5: Proposed talking points and Q+A

Introduction session 1 (Ministers only)- 5 mins

- The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the adaptation framework work programme, including the way forward following the completion of the FEC inquiry, any key risks and issues, and how this work can be supported by related work in your portfolios.
- I have invited the Independent Reference Group (IRG) members to speak to their advice on the adaptation framework so you can get an early insight into how this policy is evolving.
- I intend a two-step approach to Cabinet agreement on the adaptation framework.
 - firstly, a paper in November seeking approval for the Government responses to both the FEC report and the Climate Change Commission's progress report on the NAP, signalling our intentions to continue progressing a multiparty approach to the adaptation framework

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- In May, Cabinet agreed to four key pillars of the adaptation framework. These continue to guide the policy work. These were:
 - *principles for investment in risk reduction*: Communities and businesses need to know what investment will happen in their areas, for example, whether the council will build flood protection infrastructure. This workstream will support consideration of investments across the full spectrum of risk reduction options, including both government infrastructure investment (and how this is signalled to the public) and local infrastructure investment.
 - *principles for cost sharing pre- and post- event*: This will set out what the Government's approach is to the sharing of costs from future natural hazard risk, particularly addressing the uncertainty of what will be available to assist property owners with recovery from an event or take action in an affected area before or after a natural hazard event occurs.
 - *roles and responsibilities*: This will look at how the principles need to be implemented and decisions made. This includes by identifying and using, and potentially amending, clarifying or strengthening, roles and responsibilities under existing systems, including the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, Local Government Act 2002, Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941 and Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
 - *risk and response information*: This will examine how hazard risk and response information can be better shared so that property owners, insurers, financial markets, and councils can make more informed decisions about their appetite for and management of risk. It will focus on key blockages in the system government can address.


- I intend to continue policy development with the mandate received by Cabinet in May, working alongside the Minister of Finance in Quarter 1 next year to land final policy decisions.
- In May, I also committed to Cabinet to working with you on linkages across our work programmes to ensure that we align objectives as far as possible, manage trade-offs and consider relevant adaptation matters.
- In your papers is a map of where our overall policy programme intersects. I intend to continue to work with you where our work intersects, including where the objectives for the adaptation framework may be most efficiently and effectively met through consideration in a related work programme.
- Ministry for the Environment officials have been testing policy proposals with the Adaptation Framework Independent Reference Group, who will join us momentarily.
- I am pleased to see there are many areas of convergence between the IRG and the FEC. There is a lot of work to progress before seeking policy decisions from Cabinet.
- I am committed to continue to build on the work of the Inquiry to develop the adaptation framework with cross-party support.
- I note the recent events in Otago, particularly South Dunedin, have put a spotlight on this programme of work, and its relationship with decisions that may need to happen before the adaptation framework has been agreed. It's important we do not get ahead of Cabinet decisions on the FEC response, or potentially undermine decisions that are to come. I recommend a joined-up approach between us on this issue.

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Introduction session 2 (Ministers and IRG) – 1 min

- I am pleased to introduce you to members of the Adaptation Framework Independent Reference Group (IRG) who are joining us today to provide an overview of their advice and answer any questions you may have.
- The members of the IRG are:
 - Matt Whineray (Chair), former chief executive officer of Guardians of New Zealand Superannuation
 - Marama Royal, chair of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust
 - Belinda Storey, economist and expert on pricing physical climate risk
 - Malcolm Alexander, partner at Yule Alexander Limited and former chief executive of Local Government New Zealand
 - Jimmy Higgins, chief executive officer of Suncorp New Zealand
 - Aileen Lawrie, chief executive of Thames Coromandel District Council.
- There are many areas of convergence between the FEC report and advice from the IRG – which you can find summarised in paper 1 of your agenda pack.
- I will now pass over to Matt who will present an overview of the Group's advice.

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