

Proactive release of briefings and Cabinet papers relating to reclassification of two organisms as "not new"

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Security Level	Policy and Privacy In-Confidence	MfE Priority:	Urgent	C

	Action sought:	Response by:
Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment	Agree to the proactive release of briefings and Cabinet papers relating to the reclassification of two organisms as "not new"	A CONTRACT OF A CONTRACT OF THE CONTRACT OF TH

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	Return the signed report to MfE.
Number of appendices and attachments 5	Titles of appendices and attachments: Appendix 1: CAB-172 - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Organisms Prescribed as Not New Organisms) Amendment Regulations 2022 Appendix 2: BRF-2054 - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Organisms Prescribed as Not New Organisms) Amendment Regulations 2022 Appendix 3: CAB-124 - Reclassifying Two Organisms as "Not New" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
	Appendix 4: BRF-1315 - Reclassifying two organisms as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 Appendix 5: BRF-610 - Denewing under the HSNO Act - Request for the EPA to initiate consultation

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- 1. This briefing seeks your agreement to proactively release briefings and Cabinet papers relating to the recent regulatory amendments that reclassified two organisms as "not new".
- 2. The amendment regulations that were agreed to by Cabinet on 29 October 2022 [CAB-172 refers] changed the status of two organisms from "new" to "not new". This change in status was done through the addition of these organisms to the Schedule listed in the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Organisms Prescribed as Not New Organisms) Regulations 2009. These regulatory changes came into force on 7 October 2022.
- 3. The briefings and Cabinet papers (including relevant Cabinet Minutes and appendices) that are proposed to be proactively released are:
 - a. CAB-172 Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Organisms Prescribed as Not New Organisms) Amendment Regulations 2022
 - b. BRF-2054 Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Organisms Prescribed as Not New Organisms) Amendment Regulations 2022
 - c. CAB-124 Reclassifying Two Organisms as "Not New" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
 - d. BRF-1315 Reclassifying two organisms as "not new" under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
 - e. BRF-610 Denewing under the HSNO Act Request for the EPA to initiate consultation.
- 4. These briefings and Cabinet papers have been included as appendices to this briefing. Redactions have been made to EPA's assessment report in order to protect the privacy of an individual that made a submission to the EPA's consultation. No other redactions are deemed necessary.

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¹ These two organisms were the beetle *Paropsisterna cloelia* and the bacterium *Paenibacillus alvei*.

Recommendations

We recommend that you:

a. Agree to the proactive release of briefings and Cabinet papers (including relevant Cabinet Minutes and appendices) listed under paragraph 3 that relate to the reclassification of two organisms as "not new"

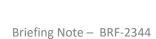
Yes/No

Signature

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Date	3 November 2022

Hon David Parker	
Minister for the Environment	
Date	

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