



# Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Biogenic Methane Reductions Required Under the Climate Change Bill

#### Portfolio                      Climate Change

On 2 May 2019, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee, having been authorised by Cabinet to have Power to Act [CAB-19-MIN-0189]:

- 1        **noted** that on 19 December 2018, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee agreed that the Climate Change Bill will set a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for New Zealand to achieve:
  - 1.1     net zero emissions for all greenhouse gases except biogenic methane, by 2050;
  - 1.2     a reduction in emissions of biogenic methane (including, if necessary, to net zero) by 2050;

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- 2        **agreed** that the biogenic component of the 2050 target (paragraph 1.2 above) will:
  - 2.1     require a reduction in gross emissions of biogenic methane within the range of 24-47 percent below 2017 levels by 2050;
  - 2.2     include an interim requirement to reduce gross emissions of biogenic methane to 10 percent below 2017 levels by 2030;
- 3        **agreed** that the Climate Change Commission will review all aspects of the 2050 target in conjunction with its advice on the fourth emissions budget in 2024, including the reduction of biogenic methane emissions required by 2030;
- 4        **noted** that the Climate Change Commission will make recommendations on all targets from 2024, and that future governments will have the opportunity to revise the targets;
- 5        **noted** that consequential amendments to other parts of the Climate Change Bill may be required as a result of paragraphs 2 and 3 above;
- 6        **noted** that a communications plan for the announcement of the target settings and the introduction of the Climate Change Bill will be developed and consulted on.

Vivien Meek  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon David Parker (Chair)  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon James Shaw  
Hon Eugenie Sage

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