

Schedule of responses to McGuinness Institute's OIA 2025/02:
(Last updated 30 April 2025)

This schedule contains non-confidential responses received by each government department in response to our OIA 2024/13. Sensitive information has been redacted.

Number	Received from	Date received	Reference
1.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)	07/03/2025	OIA-2024/25-0717
2.	Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE)	21/03/2025	DOIA-REQ-0010112
3.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT)	20/03/2025	OIA 29980
4.	Ministry for the Environment (MFE)	19/03/2025	OIAD-1496
5.	Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)	28/04/2025	OIA25-0118



7 March 2025

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Ref: OIA-2024/25-0717

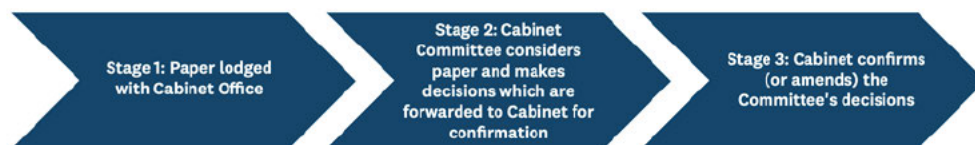
Tēnā koe Wendy,

Official Information Act request relating to Cabinet Decision-Making Process

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was partially transferred to us from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on 5 March 2025. The part of your request to which we are responding is:

"[...] Does Figure 1 below accurately reflect the standard process for Cabinet decision-making? Please provide any suggestions or additions you have to the text or stages [...]"

Figure 1: Illustration of the standard process for Cabinet decision-making



Information publicly available

Information about the Cabinet decision-making process is publicly available on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website as part of the CabGuide:

Date	Document description	Website address
26 June 2017	CabGuide	What are Cabinet and Cabinet committees Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)

Accordingly, I have refused your request for this information under section 18(d) of the Act – the information requested is publicly available.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā,



Secretary of the Cabinet



21 March 2025

Ref: DOIA-REQ-0010112

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Tēnā koe Wendy McGuinness

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2025 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) asking a series of questions under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

There are four parts to this request.

Part One: Cabinet decision-making process

Q1: Does Figure 1 below accurately reflect the standard process for Cabinet decision-making? Please provide any suggestions or additions you have to the text or stages.

It is better for this question to be addressed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and I understand they have received your request.

Q2: We have noticed that in most cases Cabinet papers do not have a reference number stated in the document itself. In these cases, can we assume these papers have the same reference number as the related Cabinet/Cabinet committee minute? This is what we have assumed, see excerpt of Excel in box below.

DPMC has confirmed that there is no specific correct way to cite a Cabinet paper, and has advised that depending on what information is being referred to, the respective minute or paper should be cited, or both if appropriate. Please contact Cabinet Office directly for any further questions of this nature.

Part Two: Missing information

Q1: Filter for MBIE (Col. J) and then please add missing information (identified in red text) in Col. B to K, if readily available.

These were not published because other minutes were identified as more relevant to the decisions of the associated papers, which are already linked in your table.



Part Three: Points of clarification of existing Cabinet papers

Q1-3: See 'Col. L: McGuinness Institute comment'. See yellow highlighted cells in rows 60, 72 and 86 (please note some rows have more than one question).

In your spreadsheet, you have asked three questions of MBIE.

In relation to the Emissions Reduction Plan: Building and Construction Sector Initiatives paper, you have asked "Q1: *Is there another Cabinet minute included in this series IE Cab-22-MIN-0800?*"

Yes, CAB-22-MIN-0080.

In relation to the Proposed Building for Climate Change – Proposed Amendments to the Building Act 2004 paper, you have asked "Q2: *Is there another Cabinet minute included in this series (i.e. CAB-23-MIN-0168)?*"

Yes, CAB-23-MIN-0168.

In relation to the Additional Policy Decisions for the Building (Climate Change Response) Amendment Bill paper, you have asked "Q3: *Is there another Cabinet minute included in this series (i.e. CAB-23-MIN-0158)?*"

Yes, CAB-23-MIN-0158.

These are Cabinet Committee reports to Cabinet of items they have considered. The additional suffix '.01', denotes the Cabinet Committee Minute attached to the Report.

Part Four: Questions on Cabinet papers released after May 2024

Q1: Are there any Cabinet papers missing that meet the criteria for being 'climate-related' and were published by MBIE between 23 May 2024 and 31 December 2024?

Q2: If yes, could MBIE add these papers in a new row at the bottom of the Excel and fill in Cols. B to K (i.e. row 115 onwards)?

I am not aware of any other climate-related papers released by MBIE between the 23 May 2024 and 31 December 2024.

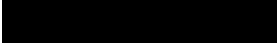
Where appropriate for proactive release, MBIE publishes Cabinet papers on its website:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/document-library>. This can be filtered by document type, timeframe and keywords. I recommend you continue to check this webpage should you seek to update your list in future.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Tēnā koe Wendy McGuinness

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"Part One: Cabinet decision-making process

- *Q1: Does Figure 1 below accurately reflect the standard process for Cabinet decision-making? Please provide any suggestions or additions you have to the text or stages.*
- *Q2: We have noticed that in most cases Cabinet papers do not have a reference number stated in the document itself. In these cases, can we assume these papers have the same reference number as the related Cabinet/Cabinet committee minute? This is what we have assumed, see excerpt of Excel in box below.*

Part Two: Missing information

- *Q1: Filter for MFAT (Col. J) and then please add missing information (identified in red text) in Col. B to K, if readily available.*

Part Three: Questions on Cabinet papers released after May 2024

- *Q1: Are there any Cabinet papers missing that meet the criteria for being 'climate-related' and were published by MFAT between 23 May 2024 and 31 December 2024?*
- *Q2: If yes, could MFAT add these papers in a new row at the bottom of the Excel and fill in Cols. B to K (i.e. row 115 onwards)?*

On 5 March 2025, the following part of your request was transferred under section 14(b) of the OIA to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) for response:

"Part One: Cabinet decision-making process

- *Q1: Does Figure 1 below accurately reflect the standard process for Cabinet decision-making? Please provide any suggestions or additions you have to the text or stages."*

Response to the remainder of your request

As noted on 24 July 2024 and 21 November 2024, many of your requests are for information related to the functions of the Cabinet Office. We advise you to please contact Cabinet Office for any information relating to the Cabinet process including

document references or decision making. Contact information for Cabinet Office can be found on the DPMC website: <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-business-units/cabinet-office>

Regarding part one, question two of your request, you are referred to the response to your previous OIA request dated 24 July 2024 (our ref OIA 29329) for relevant information. Cabinet Office has confirmed that there is no specific correct way to cite a Cabinet paper and has advised that depending on what information is being referred to, the respective minute or paper should be cited, or both, if appropriate. Please contact Cabinet Office directly for any further questions of this nature.

In response to part two of your request, please refer to the attached updated spreadsheet with changes in column C as requested.

You have advised that you have updated your definition of a 'climate-related Cabinet paper' to a Cabinet paper that:

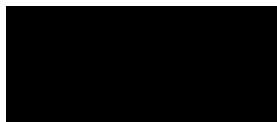
- Discusses risks, costs and/or opportunities that climate change may create.
- Discusses how New Zealand might adapt to or mitigate the impacts of climate change over the long-term.
- The content is forward-looking, strategic (rather than operational) and of significant scale.

Information relating to part three of your request is publicly available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (the Ministry) website. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA: https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/media-and-resources?categories=cabinet_papers&datefrom=2024-05-04&dateto=2025-03-04&page=1

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade



19 March 2025

OIAD-1496

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Tēnā koe Wendy

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2025 making a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) for information on Climate-related Cabinet papers from 2001-2024.

I have provided a response to each of your questions below. As part of my response, I am releasing four documents to you in full, alongside one spreadsheet created by the Ministry for your request and a filled-in copy of your spreadsheet.

This is the third request that you have submitted to the Ministry in the last ten months for information in relation to Cabinet papers. These requests have been accompanied by detailed, often large, spreadsheets which you have asked us to populate and fact check. Responding to these requests is a significant undertaking in terms of staff time and research and we have diligently completed each of these requests as soon as reasonably practicable each time.

In responding to your request below, we've tried our best to strike a balance between addressing all aspects of the request, providing a reasonable response, and meeting our obligations under the Act. In our previous responses we've answered your requests as comprehensively as possible and wish to continue to help the McGuinness Institute where possible. However, given the wide-ranging nature of the information and clarification being sought through this most recent request, we'd like to invite you to meet with us to discuss how we can best support you to gather this kind of information going forward. If you would like to take us up on this offer, please contact me via email to arrange a time to meet:

[REDACTED]

I will now address each part of your request in turn. In advance of some parts, I have provided some commentary around the information sought and our obligations under the Act in relation to the information sought. My intention here to build a joint understanding of what we are required to provide under the Act and demonstrate the areas where we can potentially work together differently to support you to gather the information that you require.

Part One: Cabinet decision-making process

The Ministry is not the authority on Cabinet decision-making processes, nor are we required to form opinions, provide explanations or create new information to respond to requests for official information on this matter. Some of your questions below ask the Ministry to form opinions, provide explanations and create new information to respond to your request –

technically this information is not held by the Ministry and on this basis should be refused as such. However, in the spirit of helpfulness, we've provided responses to these questions.

You can read more about Cabinet paper processes on the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC) website at: <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-business-units/cabinet-office/supporting-work-cabinet/cabinet-manual/5-cabinet-decision-making/cabinet-and-cabinet-committee-procedures> and <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications/how-submit-paper-cabinet>.

We recommend that you direct any further questions about Cabinet processes to the Cabinet Office at, as the agency responsible (information@dPMC.govt.nz).

Q1: Does Figure 1 below accurately reflect the standard process for Cabinet decision-making? Please provide any suggestions or additions you have to the text or stages.

Yes.

Q2: We have noticed that in most cases Cabinet papers do not have a reference number stated in the document itself. In these cases, can we assume these papers have the same reference number as the related Cabinet/Cabinet committee minute? This is what we have assumed, see excerpt of Excel in box below.

After a Cabinet paper has been considered by a Cabinet committee, a Cabinet committee summary and a Cabinet committee minute are generated for record-keeping. These have identical committee, year, and numerical code reference sections, and will only differ where the summary is labelled as SUB and the minute is labelled as MIN. The Cabinet minute has a different numerical reference code to the other two documents.

Once the paper has been considered by Cabinet, a separate Cabinet minute is generated. This uses a different numerical code to the Cabinet committee documents.

Since late 2015, when Cabinet started using the current cross-government Cabinet administration system, called CabNet, the Cabinet Office has not assigned reference numbers to Cabinet papers, only to the minutes and summary documents associated with the respective Cabinet committee and Cabinet meetings. Prior to this, Cabinet papers were assigned a reference by the Cabinet Office for each meeting that they were tabled at, and these references were not based on any of the minute or summary codes.

Please see the document "Paper references" for more information on the formatting of historical Cabinet reference codes.

Part Two: Missing information

Much of the information sought is already publicly available on the Ministry's website. In these situations, we're directing you to locate this information from our website, pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act – information sought is publicly available.

In some circumstances, you've asked us to populate columns where the information you seek is already contained within a different column in your spreadsheet. Where this is the case, we specified this for you in our substantive response below.

Q1: Filter for MFE (Col. J) and then please add missing information (identified in red text) in Col. B to K, if readily available.

All links to Cabinet papers and minutes released by the Ministry are on the Ministry's website, and the publication dates are on the respective landing pages. This information can be found by navigating to: <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/> and:

- under "Type", selecting "Cabinet minute" and "Cabinet paper"
- under "Topic" selecting "Climate change"
- if needed, filtering further by Publication date.

You may also find some Cabinet papers released previously under the Act at: <https://environment.govt.nz/oia-releases/>.

If you are unable to find a particular Cabinet paper or minute on our website, then it is likely that it was never proactively released by the Ministry. I am therefore refusing the parts of this question that request links (Columns G & I) and dates of publication (Column K) under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is already publicly available.

In Columns G and I you have also requested the title of each minute. In the cells that you have completed already, this consists of a minute code and the paper title. I have provided the minute codes in Column B as requested. As you have already added the titles of the papers into Column D, there is no new information for me to add to these columns.

In Column D, you have asked me to fill in a minute code for a number of Cabinet papers. As this information is a duplication of Cabinet committee and Cabinet minute codes in Column B, I have not added any information to this column.

In the remainder of the cells with red text in your spreadsheet, I have provided the requested information where it is held by the Ministry, in dark blue text. In some cells, I have corrected the Cabinet paper title. Some Cabinet papers have their titles tweaked before or during lodgement by Ministers, so in these instances, where I have identified a difference, I have provided you with the titles of the papers as Cabinet received them.

To find the information provided to you for Part 2, I have undergone an extensive search of the Ministry's digital archives, which do not hold a complete record of all Cabinet meeting and Cabinet paper data. Where red text remains in these cells, I have been unable to find the requested information in these archives. This includes most lodgement dates, some Cabinet committee and Cabinet meeting dates, and some Cabinet committee and Cabinet minute codes.

The missing information may be found in the Government's physical archives, but it would not be held in central repositories such as spreadsheets or tables at these locations. An attempt to locate this information would require a significant amount of time and number of documents

to be searched through. As such, I am refusing the remainder of the information requested under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Part Three: 14 questions on points of clarification of existing Cabinet papers

Q1-14: See 'Col. L: McGuinness Institute comment'. See yellow highlighted cells in rows 5, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 95, 101, 103, 105, 108 and 114 (please note some rows have more than one question).

I have provided you with a response to each of these questions in dark blue text in the respective cells of your spreadsheet. I am also releasing four documents to you in full as part of or to support four of my answers.

Please note with respect to my correspondence on Page 1 of this letter about the Ministry's responsibilities under the Act, that:

- Question 6 is an example of seeking an explanation about information that is in the purview of the Cabinet Office and not the Ministry
- Question 9 is an example of seeking an opinion of the Ministry that does not constitute official information.

Part Four: 2 questions on Cabinet papers released after May 2024

Q1: Are there any Cabinet papers missing that meet the criteria for being 'climate-related' and were published by MFE between 23 May 2024 and 31 December 2024?

Q2: If yes, could MFE add these papers in a new row at the bottom of the Excel and fill in Cols. B to K (i.e. row 115 onwards)?

The Ministry supported its ministers to lodge 31 climate-change-related Cabinet papers in 2024. Two of these Cabinet papers were lodged twice, each as different versions following revision. Nineteen of these Cabinet papers were published on the Ministry's and/or MPI's website in 2024, some of them alongside their respective Cabinet and/or Cabinet committee minutes.

In 2024, the Ministry also proactively released 28 Cabinet papers lodged between 2021 and 2023.

I have created a two-page spreadsheet to present this information to you. It contains Cabinet and Cabinet committee dates and minute references, dates of publication on the Ministry's website, and links to the publicly available documents. It may duplicate information already held by the McGuinness Institute.

Where a Cabinet paper row in the spreadsheet does not have a link, or the linked webpage does not contain the respective Cabinet committee or Cabinet minute, the respective document has not been proactively released.

This spreadsheet contains all of the information held by the Ministry to answer Part 4 of your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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Paper references / shoulder numbers

The paper reference or shoulder numbers are located in the top right hand corner of agendas, papers and minutes. The identifier of the committee is given, followed by the year and the individual number of the document. For example:

- The shoulder number on an **agenda** indicates the number of a particular meeting. DEV Ag (02) 3 is the third agenda for 2002 for the Cabinet Economic Development Committee.
- The shoulder number on the **paper** identifies the individual Cabinet or Cabinet committee paper. CAB (02) 61 is the sixty-first consecutively numbered paper distributed to Cabinet in 2002. Paper numbers are allocated to papers in order of receipt.
- The shoulder number on a **minute** shows the meeting number and the agenda item number. FIN Min (02) 2/3 is a minute dealing with the third item on the second agenda for the Cabinet Committee on Finance.
- An **additional agenda** will have the same reference as the main agenda, but with the addition of “add 1” – for example, CAB Ag (01) 16 add 1. Sometimes it is necessary for an additional agenda to be issued after the main agenda has been distributed. It will contain items that were not included on the main agenda because, for example, they were not received on time. The additional agenda will have the same reference as the main agenda, but with the addition of “add 1”. It should be stapled to the main agenda, and the papers listed on it treated in the same manner as the other items on the main agenda.
- Revised versions of agendas, papers or minutes will have the same reference as the original version, but with the addition of “rev 1” – for example, DEV Ag (01) 3 rev 1.

NOTE: Attached are copies of Cabinet papers to see as examples.

National Adaptation Plan scope and approach – Final Cabinet Paper and talking points

Date Submitted:	17 March 2021	Tracking #: 2021-B-07633	
Security Level	CLASSIFICATION	MfE Priority:	Urgent

	Action sought:	Response by:
To Hon James Shaw, Minister of Climate Change	Direction on the vision statement and Approve Cabinet paper for lodgement by 10am, 18 March or Advise of further changes to the Cabinet paper and Read talking points before DEV on 24 March.	5pm 17 March 2021

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	Return the signed report to MfE Lodge the Cabinet paper once approved
Number of appendices and attachments #6	Titles of appendices and attachments (ie separate attached documents): 1. Appendix 1 - Final Cabinet paper National Adaptation Plan scope and approach – track changed version 2. Appendix 2 - Final Cabinet paper National Adaptation Plan scope and approach – clean version 3. Appendix 3 - Talking points on National Adaptation Plan scope and approach for Cabinet Economic Development Committee meeting on 24 March 4. Appendix 4 – Cabinet paper Appendix 1: Strategic Direction of the National Adaptation Plan 5. Appendix 5 – Cabinet paper Appendix 2: Summary of risks identified in the National Climate Change Risk Assessment 6. Appendix 6 – Cabinet paper Appendix 3: Proposed contributing agencies for each action plan

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National Adaptation Plan scope and approach – Final Cabinet Paper and talking points

Purpose

1. This briefing attaches the final Cabinet paper *National Adaptation Plan scope and approach*. It outlines the key changes made to the paper based on agency and Ministerial feedback. Both a track changed (Appendix 1) and clean version (Appendix 2) of the Cabinet paper are attached.
2. We seek your direction on the vision and approval on other points of clarification today for the paper to be lodged by 10am on Thursday 18 March and considered at the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) meeting on 24 March. Talking points for the Committee meeting are also attached (Appendix 3) along with the Cabinet paper appendices (Appendices 4-6).

Summary of changes

3. We received feedback from 15 agencies. In general agencies support the paper, however some, particularly those identified as responsible for leading outcome areas, expressed concern about resourcing the next phases of work. Many highlighted their other work to reduce emissions.
4. The feedback from Ministerial consultation focussed on the specific language of the vision, clarity about the Te Ao Māori approach and engagement with iwi and Māori that will be taken and a recommendation that the guiding principles should sit within one category to apply to both development and implementation of the Plan. This was consistent with comments received from departments.
5. The main feedback received was in relation to the vision and the need to ensure this maximises opportunities for action. Other feedback included points of clarification.

The vision (paragraph 32)

6. Feedback highlighted concern that the direction set by the vision could limit adaptation options and emphasise short-term action. The terms within the vision most commented on are bolded in the statement below. Feedback received and suggested alternatives are outlined in Table 1.

*Our people, places and systems are resilient, thriving and **able to adapt** to the effects of **unavoidable** climate change in a **fair, lowest cost and ordered** manner.*

Table 1: Summary of feedback on vision and suggested alternatives

Feedback received	Recommended alternative
Able to adapt: Could be stronger so the vision strives for continued action on adaptation, not the just ability to adapt.	Continuously adapting
Unavoidable: Could limit the scope and aspiration of the vision and create confusion. Suggest removing in recognition that we may fail to avoid some of the avoidable impacts of climate change and will need to adapt to all impacts that occur.	Omit from the vision

Feedback received	Recommended alternative
Fair: Questioned the application of this term in respect to adaptation. Fair means treating people equally, but some will need more help than others. Preference for use of 'equitable'.	Equitable
Lowest cost: Creates a risk that short-term costs become the focus. This could result in higher costs in the long-term, lead to maladaptation, or further exacerbate risks to groups or values disproportionately impacted by climate change. E.g. For transport infrastructure, effective and long-lasting adaptation solutions are often not the 'lowest cost' options, but they can be considered cost-effective over the long-term.	Fiscally-responsible (note this is the language provided by your office on 16 March)
Ordered manner: Uncertainty about meaning, and concern this could suggest ranking or priority treatment for some over others.	Planned manner

We seek direction on your preferred vision statement in response to the feedback

7. We recommend the vision is revised due to the number and consistency of comments received from both departments and Ministers. An alternative option is provided below for your consideration:

Our people, places and systems are resilient, thriving and continuously adapting to the effects of climate change in an equitable, fiscally-responsible and planned manner.

8. The attached Cabinet paper retains the original vision you directed us to include:

Our people, places and systems are resilient, thriving and able to adapt to the effects of unavoidable climate change in fair, lowest cost and ordered manner.

9. If you agree to revise the vision we will update the Cabinet paper and Appendix 1 of the Cabinet paper (**Appendix 4 attached**).

Points of clarification

One category of principles to guide the Plan's development and implementation (paragraph 33)

10. Feedback highlighted that applying the principles for implementation will only be possible if scope is provided during development of the actions. For example, it would be difficult to apply nature-based solutions to the implementation of actions that did not allow for such solutions in how they were designed, or apply matauranga Māori in implementing the plan if none of the actions were grounded in traditional knowledge.
11. The paper has been updated to include one category of principles to avoid this confusion and guide both development and implementation of the Plan. This increases the likelihood of application of these principles across all outcome areas. The changes can be found in **paragraph 33** and in **Appendix one** of the paper.

Greater clarity of the principles (paragraph 33)

12. Feedback suggested revision of the principles so their intent was clearer, and to ensure consistency with language throughout the paper.

13. We recommend the following changes (bolded below) are made to clarify the intent of the principles. These are found in **paragraph 33**.

- Think long-term: Take a long-term, **intergenerational** perspective **that spans political, planning and financial cycles, to** plan for a changing climate.
- Partnership: Adapt together, in partnership with iwi, hapū, **Māori**, and all New Zealanders – ara whakamua.
- Adjust as we go: **To enable flexibility in decision making**, design actions and decisions to be re-visited and adjusted as circumstances change.
- **Nature-based solutions** ~~Ecosystem-based approach~~: **Use Consider using biodiversity and nature-based** ecosystem services to increase resilience.
- Place-based approach: Adapt locally - enable local communities to prepare for the unique climate risks and opportunities they face, **while ensuring the right type of intervention is used at the right stage, scale and location**.

Engagement with Treaty Partners and impacts on iwi/Māori (paragraphs 47, 59, and 62-65)

14. Text has been revised to more clearly:

- a. acknowledge that engagement with Ihirangi is not intended to comprise engagement with all iwi, hapu and Māori (**see paragraphs 48**)
- b. signal that the breadth of engagement with iwi, hapu and Māori is required and will be planned (**see paragraphs 58 and 59**)

15. On the recommendation of Te Puni Kokiri, the implications of climate change on Māori has been brought into the Population Implications section of the paper (**paragraphs 62 to 65**). This information now sits within Table 2 alongside other population groups (**see paragraph 64**).

Two new groups identified as populations that may be disproportionately impacted (paragraph 64)

16. 'Pacific Peoples' and 'Rural Communities' have been included as population groups with particular sensitivity to the impacts associated with climate change. This reflects the breadth of outcomes within the Plan that apply to these groups.

Updated list of contributing agencies (Appendix 6 attached)

17. Appendix 3 of the Cabinet paper (**Appendix 6 attached**) has been updated to include both lead agencies and additional agencies that have now signalled their interest to be involved as contributing agencies, including:

Natural Environment	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, Te Puni Kokiri
Homes, buildings and places	Te Puni Kokiri
Infrastructure	Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment; Te Puni Kokiri
Communities	Earthquake Commission; Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga; Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment
Economy and financial system	Te Puni Kokiri

Additional points of clarification

18. Clarification and more detail has been provided in the paper on:

- The relationship of the Plan with the Climate Adaptation Act and Resource Management Reform (**paragraph 51**)
- Greater emphasis on the inclusion and role of local government in the Plan (**paragraph 47.2**)
- The role of lead agencies during action planning and the impact of decisions on resourcing (**paragraph 26 and the heading above paragraph 38**).

Next steps

19. We are seeking your feedback on the vision today. This Cabinet paper is due to be lodged by 10am on 18 March for consideration at DEV on 24 March.

Recommendations

20. We recommend that you:

- a. **Direct** officials on your preferred vision statement

Yes/No

AND

- b. **Approve** the Cabinet paper for lodgement.

Yes/No

OR

- c. **Advise** officials of further changes needed to the Cabinet paper

Yes/No

AND

- d. **Instruct** your office to lodge the Cabinet paper by 10am on Thursday 18 March.

Yes/No

AND

- e. **Read** the talking points included in Appendix 2 in advance of the Cabinet Economic Development Committee meeting on 24 March.

Yes/No

Signature



Katherine Wilson
Director, Climate Adaptation

Date: 17 March 2021

Hon James Shaw
Minister of Climate Change

Date



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Minute of Decision

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Additional item: Power to Act for CBC on 11 July 2016

On 11 July 2016, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Cabinet Business Committee (CBC) is meeting on 11 July 2016 but that the next meeting of Cabinet is not until 25 July 2016;
- 2 **authorised** CBC to have Power to Act at its meeting on 11 July 2016 to take decisions on the submissions on its agenda, if required.

Martin Bell
for Secretary of the Cabinet

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A New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Key Messages and Strategic Issues

On 20 August 2007, Cabinet:

- 1 **referred** the submission attached under CAB (07) 402 to the Cabinet Business Committee (CBC) on 20 August 2007;
- 2 **authorised** CBC on 20 August 2007 to have Power to Act to take decisions on the submission.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (07) 402; CBC Min (07) 16/2-6



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Additional Item: A New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Key Messages and Strategic Issues

The decisions of the Cabinet Business Committee on this item, taken on 20 August 2007 following reference from Cabinet, have been incorporated into the minute from the meeting of the Cabinet Policy Committee on 22 August 2007 [POL Min (07) 19/11].

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fleur M Gaston'.

Fleur Gaston
Secretary

Reference: CAB (07) 402

Present:

Rt Hon Helen Clark (Chair)
Hon Dr Michael Cullen
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Hon Pete Hodgson
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Secretary for the Environment (Climate Change)
Secretary for the Environment

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Final Policy Decisions to Repeal Agricultural Obligations in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0041	27/03/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0109 CAB-24-MIN-0109.02	02/04/2024	15/08/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/oiia-releases/request-about-keeping-agriculture-out-of-the-nz-ets/	Also proactively released by MPI: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/64161/direct
Climate Change (Eligible Industrial Activities) Amendment Regulations 2024	Cabinet Legislation Committee	LEG-24-MIN-0031	21/03/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0099	25/03/2024	03/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/update-to-nzas-allocative-baseline/	
Announcing the Methane Science and Target Review	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0042	27/03/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0109	29/03/2024	22/10/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/methane-science-and-targets-review/	
Progressing the Adaptation Framework	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0058	10/04/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0121	15/04/2024	10/05/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/progressing-an-adaptation-framework/	
Nominating Committee for the Climate Change Commission: Appointment	Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	APH-24-MIN-0071	07/05/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0159	13/05/2024			
Nominating Committee for the Climate Change Commission: Appointments	Cabinet Business Committee	CBC-24-MIN-0077	15/07/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0260	22/07/2024			
Approval to Consult NZ ETS Settings and Annual Regulatory Updates 2025	Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee	EXP-24-MIN-0019	09/04/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0120	15/04/2024			
Approval to Consult: NZ ETS Settings and Annual Regulatory Updates 2025	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0075	08/05/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0156	13/05/2024	27/05/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/nz-ets-settings-and-annual-regulatory-updates-2024-proactive-release-of-cabinet-material/	
Initiating the Methane Science and Target Review	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0096	29/05/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0195	04/06/2024	22/10/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/methane-science-and-targets-review/	
Establishing a Strategy for Responding to Climate Change	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0097	29/05/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0195	04/06/2024	03/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/emissions-reduction-plan-and-the-climate-strategy/	
Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Scheme Agricultural Obligations) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	Cabinet Legislation Committee	LEG-24-MIN-0114	30/05/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0192	04/06/2024	15/08/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/oiia-releases/request-about-keeping-agriculture-out-of-the-nz-ets/	
Public Consultation on the Second Emissions Reduction Plan	Cabinet Business Committee	CBC-24-MIN-0064	01/07/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0248	08/07/2024	03/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/emissions-reduction-plan-and-the-climate-strategy/	
Methane Science and Target Review Panel: Appointments	Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	APH-24-MIN-0111	18/06/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0215	24/06/2024	22/10/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/methane-science-and-targets-review/	
New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Unit Limits and Price Control Settings for 2025-2029	Cabinet Business Committee	CBC-24-MIN-0083	12/08/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0303	19/08/2024	01/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/nz-ets-unit-limits-and-price-control-settings-for-2025-2029/	

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New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Technical Updates 2024	Cabinet Business Committee	CBC-24-MIN-0084	12/08/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0303	19/08/2024	27/08/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/nz-ets-technical-regulation-updates-2024/	
Amendments to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) Regulations	Cabinet Legislation Committee	LEG-24-MIN-0190	19/09/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0376	23/09/2024	18/12/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/nz-ets-settings-leg-and-accordance-assessment/	
Enabling Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0223	16/10/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0403	21/10/2024			
Progressing Updates to Industrial Allocation in the Emissions Trading Scheme	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0201	25/09/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0381	30/09/2024	25/10/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/progressing-updates-to-industrial-allocation-in-the-ets/	
Response to the Climate Change Commission's Emissions Reduction Monitoring Report	Cabinet Business Committee	CBC-24-MIN-0101	30/09/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0389	14/10/2024			
Afforestation on Crown-owned Land	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0246	06/11/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0439	11/11/2024			Proactively released by MPI: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/67668-Afforestation-on-Crown-owned-land-Cabinet-paper
Nominating Committee for the Climate Change Commission: Appointment	Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	APH-24-MIN-0273	12/11/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0460	25/11/2024			
Climate Change Commission: Appointments	Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	APH-24-MIN-0274	12/11/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0460	25/11/2024			
New Zealand's Second Emissions Reduction Plan: Finalising and Publishing the Plan	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0243	06/11/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0439	11/11/2024	19/12/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/second-emissions-reduction-plan-and-amendment-to-the-first-emissions-reduction-plan-final-cabinet-paper-and-associated-briefings/	
Approval to Progress Policy to Manage Whole-farm Conversions to Exotic Forestry Registering in the Emission Trading Scheme	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0252	06/11/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0439	11/11/2024			
Process for setting New Zealand's second Nationally Determined Contribution	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0258	13/11/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0445	18/11/2024			
Synthetic Refrigerants: Proposed Product Stewardship Regulations	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0259	20/11/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0458	25/11/2024	25/02/2025	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/advice-on-refrigerants-for-the-second-emissions-reduction-plan/	
Methane Science and Target Review: Release of the Final Report	N/A	N/A	N/A	CAB-24-MIN-0465	25/11/2024			
Climate Change (Eligible Industrial Activities) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024	Cabinet Legislation Committee	LEG-24-SUB-0263	12/12/2024	CAB-24-MIN-0505	16/12/2024	05/02/2025	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/climate-change-eligible-industrial-activities-amendment-regulations-2023/	
Policy Approach for Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0305	11/12/2024	ECO-24-MIN-0201	16/12/2024			
Setting New Zealand's second nationally determined contribution	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0316	18/12/2024	CAB-25-MIN-0006	28/01/2025			
Adaptation Framework: Government Response and Next Steps	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	ECO-24-MIN-0309	18/12/2024	CAB-25-MIN-0006	28/01/2025			

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New Zealand's implementation of new obligations under the Rotterdam Convention following the 2022 COP	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	ENV-23-MIN-0016	01/06/2023	CAB-23-MIN-0217	06/06/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/new-zealands-implementation-of-new-obligations-under-the-rotterdam-convention-following-the-2022-cop/	
New Zealand's implementation of new obligations under the Rotterdam Convention following the 2022 COP	Cabinet Legislation Committee	LEG-23-MIN-0177	31/08/2023	CAB-23-MIN-0445	01/09/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/new-zealands-implementation-of-new-obligations-under-the-rotterdam-convention-following-the-2022-cop/	
Governance Entity for the Māori Climate Platform	Cabinet Business Committee	CBC-23-MIN-0021	18/09/2023	CAB-23-MIN-0445.01	02/10/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/governance-entity-for-the-maori-climate-platform/	
Community-led retreat and adaptation funding – issues and options paper	Cabinet Business Committee	CBC-23-MIN-0016	07/08/2023	CAB-23-MIN-0357	11/08/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/proactive-release-of-climate-change-adaptation-bill-cabinet-papers/	
Progressing the Climate Change Adaptation Bill	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	ENV-23-MIN-0027	22/06/2023	CAB-23-MIN-0263	26/06/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/proactive-release-of-climate-change-adaptation-bill-cabinet-papers/	
Adaptation Legislation: Proposed Scope, Objectives and Process	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-21-MIN-0023	10/03/2021	CAB-21-MIN-0068	15/03/2021	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/proactive-release-of-climate-change-adaptation-bill-cabinet-papers/	
Nationally Determined Contribution Strategy	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-23-MIN-0132	28/06/2023	CAB-23-MIN-0283	03/07/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/nationally-determined-contribution-strategy/	
Climate Change (Auctions, Limits, and Price Controls for Units) Amendment Regulations 2023 and Climate Change (Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levies) Amendment Regulations 2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	CAB-23-MIN-0416	04/09/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/climate-change-auctions-limits-and-price-controls-for-units-amendment-regulations-2023-and-climate-change-synthetic-greenhouse-gas-levies-amendment-regulations-2023/	
Annual Update to New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Limit and Price Control Settings for Units: Release of Consultation Document	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-22-MIN-0189	24/08/2022	CAB-22-MIN-0343	29/08/2022	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/approval-to-consult-on-the-annual-update-to-nz-ets-settings-for-units-for-2022/	
New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Limits and Price Control Settings for Units: Approval to Consult on Annual Updates	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-23-MIN-0079	10/05/2023	CAB-23-MIN-0168	15/05/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/new-zealand-emissions-trading-scheme-2023-update-to-unit-limits-and-price-control-settings/	
2023 Update to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Limits and Price Control Settings for New Zealand Units	N/A	N/A	N/A	CAB-23-MIN-0330	24/07/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/new-zealand-emissions-trading-scheme-2023-update-to-unit-limits-and-price-control-settings/	
New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Market Governance	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-23-MIN-0135	28/06/2023	CAB-23-MIN-0280	03/07/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/new-zealand-emissions-trading-scheme-market-governance/	
Developing a Carbon Removals Strategy	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	ENV-23-MIN-0031	27/06/2023	CAB-23-MIN-0287	30/06/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/developing-a-carbon-removals-strategy/	
Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Emissions Pricing: Progress Update	N/A	N/A	N/A	CAB-23-MIN-0370	14/08/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/agricultural-greenhouse-gas-emissions-pricing-progress-update/	
Review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme to Incentivise Emission Reductions: Release of Discussion Document	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	ENV-23-MIN-0017	01/06/2023	CAB-23-MIN-0217	06/06/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/consultation-on-a-review-of-the-new-zealand-emissions-trading-scheme-to-incentivise-emission-reductions/	
Emissions Reduction Plan: Resource Management Proposals to Manage Exotic Afforestation: Release of Discussion Document	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	ENV-22-MIN-0040	22/09/2022	CAB-22-MIN-0413	27/09/2022	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/emissions-reduction-plan-resource-management-proposals-to-manage-exotic-afforestation-release-of-discussion-document/	
Advancing Climate Adaption Through the Recovery	Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee	EWR-23-MIN-0025	29/03/2023	CAB-23-MIN-0106	31/03/2023	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/advancing-climate-adaptation-through-the-recovery/	
New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Market Governance: Release of Discussion Document for Targeted Engagement	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-22-MIN-0261	09/11/2022	CAB-22-MIN-0497	14/11/2022	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/approval-to-consult-nz-ets-market-governance-discussion-document-for-targeted-engagement/	
New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Non-Legislative Tools for Market Governance Framework	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-22-MIN-0190	24/08/2022	CAB-22-MIN-0344	29/08/2022	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/approval-to-progress-non-legislative-tools-for-market-governance-framework-for-the-new-zealand-emissions-trading-scheme/	

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New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: 2022 Update to Limits and Price Control Settings for Units	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-22-MIN-0285	23/11/2022	CAB-22-MIN-0533	28/11/2022	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/new-zealand-emissions-trading-scheme-2022-update-to-limits-and-price-control-settings-for-units/	
Environment and Climate Research Strategy: Report	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-22-MIN-0144	22/06/2022	CAB-22-MIN-0242	27/06/2022	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/cab-76-environment-and-climate-research-strategy-report-back/	
Managed Retreat: Approval to Consult on Options	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-22-MIN-0074	06/04/2022	CAB-22-MIN-0119	11/04/2022	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/cabinet-paper-and-minute-managed-retreat-approval-to-consult-on-options/	
Consultation on the Government's Proposed Pricing System for Agricultural Emissions	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-22-MIN-0233	28/09/2022	CAB-22-MIN-0422	03/10/2022	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/consultation-on-governments-proposed-pricing-system-for-agricultural-emissions/	
New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Proposed Regulatory Changes	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	ENV-22-MIN-0019	23/06/2022	CAB-22-MIN-0246	27/06/2022	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/cabinet-paper-consultation-report-back-on-nz-ets-regulatory-changes-2022/ https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/cabinet-minute-new-zealand-emissions-trading-scheme-annual-regulatory-updates/	
Reprioritisation of the Climate Change Work Programme	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee	ENV-21-MIN-0026	10/06/2021	CAB-21-MIN-0225.01	14/06/2021	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/cabinet-minute-reprioritisation-of-the-climate-change-work-programme/	
Carbon Neutral Government Programme: Report back and further implementation decisions	Cabinet Business Committee	CBC-21-MIN-0030	29/03/2021	CAB-21-MIN-0095	06/04/2021	02/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/cngpp/	
A review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	Cabinet Economic Development Committee	DEV-22-MIN-0224	21/09/2022	CAB-22-MIN-0412	27/09/2022	01/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/a-review-of-the-new-zealand-emissions-trading-scheme/	
Government Response to the Report of the Māori Affairs Committee on Māori Climate Adaptation	Cabinet Business Committee	CBC-23-MIN-0029	20/12/2023	CAB-24-MIN-0003	23/01/2024	03/11/2024	https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/proactive-release-of-government-response-to-the-report-of-the-maori-affairs-committee-on-the-briefing-on-maori-climate-adaptation/	The Cabinet reference on the coversheet is incorrect.



OIA25-0118

28 April 2025

Wendy McGuinness
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Dear Wendy McGuinness

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2025 requesting information relating to Cabinet papers on Climate Change from 2001-2024. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You provided a copy of your spreadsheet and requested the following:

Part One: Cabinet decision-making process

- Q1: Does Figure 1 below accurately reflect the standard process for Cabinet decision-making? Please provide any suggestions or additions you have to the text or stages.
- Q2: We have noticed that in most cases Cabinet papers do not have a reference number stated in the document itself. In these cases, can we assume these papers have the same reference number as the related Cabinet/Cabinet committee minute? This is what we have assumed, see excerpt of Excel in box below.

Part Two: Missing information

- Q1: Filter for MPI (Col. J) and then please add missing information (identified in red text) in Col. B to K, if readily available.

Part Three: Questions on Cabinet papers released after May 2024

- Q1: Are there any Cabinet papers missing that meet the criteria for being 'climate-related' and were published by MPI between 23 May 2024 and 31 December 2024?
- Q2: If yes, could MPI add these papers in a new row at the bottom of the Excel and fill in Cols. B to K (i.e. row 115 onwards)?

On 21 March 2025, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) extended the time limit to respond to your request to 2 May 2025.

I am aware that you have been advised by other agencies that the response to Part One is better answered by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and that one agency has transferred that question to DPMC for response.

Any further questions about Cabinet processes should be directed to DPMC:
information@dpmc.govt.nz

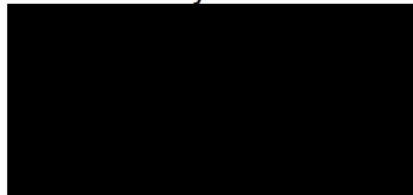
Please find attached an updated spreadsheet in response to Part Two of your request. Our comments are noted in the spreadsheet in bold red.

MPI does not publish the Cabinet minute unless it notes a change from the Cabinet Committee decision. The information in Column I is therefore not readily available.

Part three of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as all proactively released Cabinet papers are published on MPI's website: www.mpi.govt.nz/about-mpi/official-information-act-oia-releases/mpi-and-corporate-official-information-act-releases/cabinet-papers-and-related-documents/

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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