

# Briefing: Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting papers for 23 September 2024

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Sub Security level: In-Confidence

MfE priority: Urgent

Actions sought from Ministers		
Name and position	Action sought	Response by
To Hon Simon WATTS <b>Minister of Climate Change</b>	<b>Provide feedback</b> , if any, on the attached meeting pack for the Climate Priorities Ministerial Group (CPMG) meeting on 23 September  <b>OR Agree</b> to forward the attached meeting papers to CPMG members ahead of the 23 September meeting	23 September 2024

Actions for Minister's office staff
<p>If Minister has feedback on the attached material:  <b>Provide</b> feedback to the Climate Change IEB Unit (<a href="mailto:board@climateieb.govt.nz">board@climateieb.govt.nz</a>)  OR, if Minister has no feedback:  <b>Forward</b> the attached CPMG agenda and meeting papers to the Ministers listed in recommendation (b) below  <b>Return</b> the signed briefing to the Climate Change IEB Unit (<a href="mailto:board@climateieb.govt.nz">board@climateieb.govt.nz</a>).</p>

Appendices and attachments
1. Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting papers for 23 September 2024

Key contacts at Ministry for the Environment			
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Minister's comments

# Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting papers for 23 September 2024

## Purpose

- Attached to this briefing is the final agenda and slide deck for the upcoming Climate Priorities Ministerial Group (CPMG) meeting scheduled for Monday 23 September, 7.30pm to 8.15pm (see Attachment 1).
- The agenda items and discussion objectives are outlined in the table below, along with the associated paper reference in italics. Recommendations sought through this meeting are outlined in the CPMG meeting agenda in the attached meeting pack.

#	Item	Purpose / objectives
1	Confirm purpose of meeting	<p><b>Objectives for the meeting are to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Confirm</b> the second emissions reduction plan (ERP2) policy package across Ministerial portfolios ahead of Cabinet</li> <li>• 9(2)(f)(iv)</li> <li>• </li> </ul>
2	Policy choices for delivering ERP2	<p>This item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shares an assessment of current emissions projections;</li> <li>• identifies key policies contributing emissions abatement in each sector;</li> <li>• 9(2)(f)(iv)</li> <li>• seeks your endorsement of the overall shape of the plan and sector policies for ERP2.</li> </ul> <p><i>Paper 2.1: Landing the second emissions reduction plan</i></p>
3	Summary of key decisions taken and any other business	<p>Note that the response to the Climate Change Commission's Emissions Reduction Monitoring report will be tabled in the House by 16 October and is being considered by CBC on 30 September and Cabinet on 14 October.</p>

- Officials from the IEB Unit and MfE will be available at your Officials meeting on Monday 23 September to discuss the proposed approach to the meeting and any questions or concerns you have as Chair.
- We will also provide you with talking points to support you as Chair at the meeting [BRF-5352 refers].

## Recommendations

5. We recommend that you:

**Forward** the attached CPMG agenda and papers to the Climate Priorities Ministerial Group members ahead of the meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 23 September 2024:

- Hon Nicola Willis – Minister of Finance; Associate Minister of Climate Change
- Hon Chris Bishop – Minister of Infrastructure, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform, Minister of Housing
- Hon Simeon Brown – Minister for Energy, Minister of Transport, Minister of Local Government
- Hon Mark Mitchell, Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery
- Hon Todd McClay – Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Forestry and Minister for Trade
- Hon Tama Potaka, Minister of Conservation, and Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti
- Hon Penny Simmonds – Minister for the Environment
- Hon Chris Penk, Minister for Building and Construction, Minister for Land Information
- Rt Hon Winston Peters – Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon Shane Jones, Minister for Regional Development and Resources
- Hon Mark Patterson, Minister for Rural Communities
- Simon Court MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to Minister for Infrastructure, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Yes | No

## Signatures



Lisa Daniell  
Executive Director,  
**Climate Change Chief Executives Board Unit**  
**20 September 2024**

Hon Simon WATTS  
**Minister of Climate Change**  
**Date**

## Climate Priorities Ministerial Group Meeting

<b>Date</b>	23 September 2024	<b>Time</b>	7:30-8:15pm
<b>Venue</b>	Ministerial Meeting Room, Level 2, Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings		
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><u>Core members</u></p> <p>Hon Simon Watts – Minister of Climate Change                  Hon Nicola Willis – Minister of Finance; Associate Minister of Climate Change                  Hon Chris Bishop – Minister of Infrastructure, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform, Minister of Housing                  Hon Simeon Brown – Minister for Energy, Minister of Transport, Minister of Local Government</p> <p><u>High-interest members</u></p> <p>Hon Mark Mitchell, Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery                  Hon Tama Potaka, Minister of Conservation, and Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti                  Hon Penny Simmonds, Minister for the Environment                  Hon Shane Jones, Minister for Regional Development and Resources                  Hon Mark Patterson, Minister for Rural Communities                  Simon Court MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to Minister for Infrastructure, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform</p>		
<b>Apologies</b>	Hon Todd McClay – Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Forestry, Minister for Trade (advisor attending) Rt Hon Winston Peters – Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon Chris Penk, Minister for Building and Construction, Minister for Land Information		

Meeting open – Welcome			
#	Time	Agenda Item	Recommendations
1	5 mins	Welcome and confirm purpose of the meeting	
	7:30-7:35	<p><b>Objectives for the meeting are to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Confirm</b> the second emissions reduction plan (ERP2) policy package across Ministerial portfolios ahead of Cabinet</li> <li>2. 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]</li> <li>3. 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]</li> </ol>	
2	10 mins	<p><b>Policy choices for delivering ERP2</b>                      Lead speaker: Hon Simon Watts</p>	
	7:35-7:45	<p><b>Context/outcomes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consultation on ERP2 has concluded and Ministers must finalise the package of policies before 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]</li> <li>2. A critical matter for Ministers to consider is sufficiency of ERP2. The plan must demonstrate that New Zealand can achieve enough emissions reductions to stay within EB2.</li> <li>3. This item:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) shares an assessment of current emissions projections;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Note</b> the Minister of Climate Change will take the second emissions reduction plan (ERP2) to Cabinet for final approval 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]</li> <li>• 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]</li> </ul>

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	<p>b) identifies key policies contributing emissions abatement in each sector;</p> <p>c) 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]</p> <p>d) seeks your endorsement of the overall shape of the plan and sector policies for ERP2.</p> <p><b>Risks and issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]</li><li>• Emissions projections are influenced by a range of factors over time, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ external factors (e.g. dry years impacting electricity sector emissions, changes in livestock population);</li><li>○ methodological improvements in how emissions are measured; and</li><li>○ policy settings and implementation effectiveness.</li></ul></li><li>• 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]</li><li>• [Redacted]</li><li>• [Redacted]</li></ul> <p><b>Supporting paper</b> <i>Paper 2.1: Landing the second emissions reduction plan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]</li></ul>
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	25 mins	<b>Roundtable with portfolio ministers on final sector policies for ERP2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon Simeon Brown (Energy, Transport)</li> <li>- Hon Penny Simmonds (Waste)</li> <li>- Advisor for Hon McClay (Agriculture, Forestry)</li> </ul>	
	7:45-8:10	Relevant portfolio ministers have an opportunity to speak to the package of policies relevant to their sectors, their contribution to achieving emissions budgets, and identify areas of opportunity for additional abatement, if any.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Confirm</b> the policy package across Ministerial portfolios ahead of Cabinet decisions and direct officials to take further action, if needed.</li> </ul>
3	5 mins	<b>Summary of key decisions taken &amp; AOB</b> Lead speaker: Hon Simon Watts	
	8:10-8:15	<b>Emissions Reduction Monitoring response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note that the response to the Climate Change Commission's Emissions Reduction Monitoring report must be tabled in the House by 16 October, and is being considered by CBC on 30 September and Cabinet on 14 October.</li> </ul>	
<b>Meeting close</b>			

Indicative forward agenda items		
Date	CPMG focus area	Discussion topic
Q4 Dec 2024	Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standing item: Quarterly IEB update on delivery of climate priorities and progress against goals and targets (including Target 9), risks and issues</li> </ul>
	Adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Adaptation Framework update (tbc)</li> </ul>
	Domestic mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NZ 2050 target: Methane Science and Targets Review findings, Climate Change Commission advice</li> </ul>
	International mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9(2)(f)(iv)</li> </ul>
Q1 Feb/Mar 2025	Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standing item: Quarterly IEB update on delivery of climate priorities and progress against goals and targets (including Target 9), risks and issues</li> </ul>
	Adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9(2)(f)(iv)</li> </ul>
	Domestic mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Response to the CCC advice on 2050 target review, EB4, review EB1-3</li> <li>Implementation of ERP2 prior to Jan 2026</li> </ul>
	International mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9(2)(f)(iv)</li> </ul>

















