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<b>Minister</b>	Hon Dr Megan Woods	<b>Portfolio</b>	Energy and Resources
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Sustainable Biofuels Obligation: discussion document on proposed options for regulations	<b>Date to be published</b>	9 December 2022

### List of documents that have been proactively released

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
May 2022	Sustainable Biofuels Obligation: discussion document on proposed options for regulations	Office of the Minister of Energy and Resources
23 May 2022	Sustainable Biofuels Obligation: release of discussion document on proposals for regulations  CAB-22-MIN-0185 Minute	Cabinet Office

### Information redacted

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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Sustainable Biofuels Obligation: Release of Discussion Document on Proposals for Regulations

**Portfolios**                      **Energy and Resources / Transport**

On 23 May 2022, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Development Committee, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** that on 28 October 2021, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:
  - 1.1      agreed to the final policy design of the Sustainable Biofuels Obligation (previously referred to as the Sustainable Biofuels Mandate);
  - 1.2      invited the Minister of Energy and Resources and the Minister of Transport, in consultation with the Minister of Agriculture, to report back on the preferred option for addressing the risk of indirect land use change;

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- 2        **noted** that the Sustainable Biofuels Obligation Bill has a category 2 priority on the 2022 Legislation Programme (to be passed in 2022);
- 3        **noted** that regulations are required to implement the Sustainable Biofuels Obligation;
- 4        **approved** the release of the discussion document, *Sustainable Biofuels Obligation: Proposals for Regulations* (the discussion document), attached to the paper under CAB-22-SUB-0185, for public consultation over a four-week period, subject to:
  - 4.1      any changes approved by the Minister of Energy and Resources and the Minister of Transport as discussed at the meeting;
  - 4.2      any minor or editorial changes that may be required;
- 5        **invited** the Minister of Energy and Resources and the Minister of Transport to:
  - 5.1      provide an oral update to Cabinet as soon as practicable on timing;
  - 5.2      report back to Cabinet by the end of August with final proposals for the regulations to support the implementation of the Sustainable Biofuels Obligation.

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