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Minister	Hon Dr Megan Woods	Portfolio	Energy and Resources
Title of briefing	Offshore renewable energy: Release of public consultation document on approaches to manage feasibility activities	Date to be published	21 December 2022

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
December 2022	Offshore renewable energy: Release of public consultation document on approaches to manage feasibility activities	Office of the Minister of Energy and Resources
December 2022	Attachment: Discussion Document – Enabling investment in offshore renewable energy	MBIE
07 December 2022	Offshore Renewable Energy: Release of Consultation Document on Approaches to Manage Feasibility Activities DEV-22-MIN-0299 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Offshore Renewable Energy: Release of Consultation Document on Approaches to Manage Feasibility Activities

Portfolio Energy and Resources

On 7 December 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in May 2022, Cabinet agreed, through the release of Aotearoa New Zealand's first emissions reduction plan, to develop regulatory settings to enable investment in offshore renewable energy generation and innovation by July 2024 [CAB-22-MIN-0152];
- 2 **noted** that public consultation on regulatory settings for offshore renewable energy will occur in two phases;
 - 2.1 Phase One in 2022/23 will focus on approaches to manage the feasibility stage of offshore renewable energy development;
 - 2.2 Phase Two in ^{Confidential} 2023 will involve consideration of broader regulatory settings required to enable the construction, operation, and maintenance, and decommissioning of offshore renewable energy infrastructure;
- 3 **approved** the release of the discussion document *Enabling Investment in Offshore Renewable Energy* (the discussion document), attached to the paper under DEV-22-SUB-0299, subject to any minor or technical changes that may be approved by the Minister of Energy and Resources before its release;
- 4 **noted** that in ^{Confidential} 2023, the Minister of Energy and Resources intends to seek approval to consult on Phase Two, the broader regulatory settings needed to manage the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning stages of offshore renewable energy development.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (see over)

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene MP
Dr Deborah Russell MP

Officials present from:

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Officials Committee for DEV
Office of the Chair of DEV