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<b>Minister</b>	Hon Dr Megan Woods	<b>Portfolio</b>	Energy and Resources
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Release of Gas Transition Plan Issues Paper	<b>Date to be published</b>	5 October 2023

<b>List of documents that have been proactively released</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
August 2023	Release of Gas Transition Plan Issues Paper	Office of the Minister of Energy and Resource
2 August 2023	Release of Gas Transition Plan Issues Paper DEV-23-MIN-0166 Minute	Cabinet Office

**Information redacted**

**NO**

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# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Release of Gas Transition Plan Issues Paper

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On 2 August 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

#### Background

- 1        **noted** that while New Zealand has a highly renewable electricity system, wider energy use makes up 40 percent of our emissions and as such will require a significant effort to decarbonise;
- 2        **noted** that a managed transition from fossil gas use will need to be carefully managed to maintain energy security;
- 3        **noted** that a range of opportunities and emerging technologies are available to assist with the transition from fossil gas;
- 4        **noted** that the consultation on a Gas Transition Plan Issues Paper (Issues Paper) will inform the development of the final Gas Transition Plan;

#### Release of Issues Paper

- 5        **approved** the release of the Issues Paper, attached to the submission under DEV-23-SUB-0166, for public consultation;
- 6        **noted** that in June 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee agreed to release a package of energy transition consultation papers [DEV-23-MIN-0127];
- 7        **noted** that the package of energy transition consultation documents, Issues Paper, and overarching context paper, will be released during the week of 7 August 2023 for a 12-week consultation period;
- 8        **authorised** the Minister of Energy and Resources to make minor technical and editorial amendments to the Issues Paper before it is published.

Jenny Vickers  
Committee Secretary

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**Attendance: (see over)**

**Present:**

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Ginny Andersen  
Hon Barbara Edmonds  
Hon Dr Duncan Webb  
Hon Rachel Brooking

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for DEV