



14 October 2025

Ref: DOIA-REQ-0021301

Russel Norman

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Tēnā koe Russel Norman

Thank you for your email of 20 September 2025 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I'm trying to understand the current status of the Gas Transition Plan
- <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/20265-terms-of-reference-gas-transition-plan>

The Plan was supposed to be published at the end of 2023.

Did the Government make a decision to abandon work on the gas transition plan? Or did it get published and I missed it (my apologies if this is the case).

If work was stopped on the Gas Transition Plan, who made the decision and when? Please provide copies of the relevant record of decisions eg cabinet minutes.

If the Government is still working on the gas transition plan, what is the current status? Please provide copies of the relevant documents.

Please find attached the documentation relevant to your request. Information not relevant to your request have been marked as out of scope.

Please note some information has been withheld under the following section 9(2)(a) of the Act - to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

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.

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Nāku noa, nā

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From: Hannah Overton-Holmes
Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2024 11:39 am
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Subject: FW: decisions in Energy Portfolio Weekly agreed.... [IN-CONF DENCE]
Attachments: signed decisions from Energy Portfolio Weekly wc 26 Feb 2024.pdf

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FYI – ERP1 actions agreed as stopped by the Minister

Ngā mihi

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Subject: decisions in Energy Portfolio Weekly agreed....

Please see attached the Minister's decisions on the ERP and RSAB items in the weekly report (week beg 27 Feb).

Ngā mihi, Laurie



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Decisions to formally close actions in the first Emissions Reduction Plan

Scott Russell
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The Minister for Climate Change will take a paper to Cabinet in early April seeking Cabinet approval to formally close certain actions from the first Emission Reduction Plan (ERP1), where Government priorities have resulted in a different direction being taken. The paper will also set out New Zealand's climate targets and goals, associated legal obligations and how to manage litigation risk.

MBIE has been asked to provide input into this paper, particularly to confirm the ERP1 energy actions that should be formally closed.

We are therefore seeking your decisions as to which ERP1 actions in the energy portfolio you wish to formally close through the upcoming Cabinet process. The actions we recommend you close are listed below for your decision.

Indicate your decision to formally close the actions listed below:

Out of Scope

Develop a gas transition plan.

We recommend this action be discontinued because:

- This action has a primary focus on delivering a plan to phase out gas use.
- The focus of the new government is to ensure security of energy supply with the use of gas as a transition fuel while managing emissions.
- The gas security of supply work programme will provide the vehicle to make changes needed to improve security of supply and support emissions reduction.
- Retaining the gas transition plan as envisaged in ERP1 would signal an intent to remove gas from the system rather than its use as a fuel to support security of supply.
- It will be important for the gas sector to understand that the substantive issues for the gas sector will be managed through the security of supply workplan and ceasing the gas transition plan does not mean the work has stopped.
- This action did not have emission reductions estimates attributed to it for meeting emission budgets.

We will provide you with information and options to communicate this change with the sector.

Formally close? ☒ Yes ☐ No