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Subject: RE: **Classification** 26-CAB-00966 - Maintaining domestic cement manufacturing in NZ

Kia ora Jane,

Thanks, as discussed I will get this updated draft to Jack and the Minister this evening for consideration.

Ngā mihi,
Steve



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Hi Emily

Attached tracked changes and a clean copy. And have replied to each specific point in your email below too (see red text) and addressed the two other points from your additional email. Some further editing has been done to try to reduce the length, including moving the table into the appendix. Let me know if you'd rather the table be in the body.

Note the direct funding amount is being reworked tonight on Treasury's advice (at 4.30 today) to better align with the IA option and discount it back to today – The main reason is they noted how its currently been costed (as a coinvestment in capex) provides benefit to GB in perpetuity, while the other options are timebound benefit to 2031-40, at least in theory. So they were concerned it was not a like for like comparison.

Note the RIS statement is outstanding as the RIAP has just assessed a revised RIS so a statement on that won't be ready until the morning.

Can you also advise what the Minister wants to do re the proactive release paragraph (para 67). I can be available to take a call from you or the Minister at anytime tonight if there is anything further he wants to query.

9(2)(h), 9(2)(g)(i)

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Thanks

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Hi Jane,

The Minister has come back with further feedback on the paper (attached too), but I went through it with him so further context provided below. Specifically:

- Can we have a sentence in para 1 which explains why the paper is skipping cab committee and going straight to cabinet due to budget moratorium process. – I haven't addressed this one as now going to ECO.
- Can we have some language up front and potentially throughout the paper as needed noting that 9(2)(b)(ii) [redacted] – See paras 5 and 38
- Para 5 – minister queried whether a review of circumstances is necessary - he would prefer not to. – ok removed (although we thought it might be beneficial in terms of seeing where Australia had gotten to on a BCA and therefore what NZ decides and in terms of developments in carbon pricing overseas).
- 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]
- Para 8 – has this received tsy approval? - Yes
- Para 12 – can we make it really clear that the indirect jobs associated with FBC are 380 FTE. And if there is any further data here that could be included that would be great. Have split out direct and indirect FTEs. We don't have any further data.
- Para 22 – remove word 'some' - Done
- 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]
- [redacted]
- Para 32 – final sentence - can you determine whether it will or won't be sufficient to level playing field (instead of 'may not be sufficient') – more broadly his feedback was could we please do a review to make sure words being used are more definitive please. – I have not changed this (now para 30) as that was a deliberate use of words. It is saying that an IA phase out may not be sufficient given uncertain changes in ETS prices etc.
- 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]
- 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted] Can we also include that the counterfactual of GB Cement closing would result in COL impacts. And can we include something around the jobs that will be created as a result of the investment in decarbonisation that GB cement are committing to. – have added some words to this effect (now para 59)
- Para 55 – I know we are still working this through – but he is keen to understand when the law is going to be passed by - Have added the two options for how leg could be passed (para 53)
- 6(a) [redacted] – Added (para 56)
- Para 63 – emphasise that this is positive re a decarbonisation investment incl implications of new jobs as a result – not expecting new jobs as a result of this. It is about investing in capex to stay in business. See the change I made to the front end of this para (now para 58).
- Para 70 – can you note that the minister will do a joint announcement with FBL – done (para 66)
- Type on rec 2 after Whangarei - fixed
- Can we have an additional rec as 3.4 noting that planned capex investment of \$XX would not occur if GB Cement closes operations – I have shortened this rec and changed it to an “agree to intervene to support Golden Bay to continue its domestic operations to maintain security of supply resilience, invest in decarbonisation and reduce the risks of emissions leakage.
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Can we please get a new version ASAP noting that lodgement will be tomorrow.

Happy to chat

Thanks
Emily

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Hi Steve and Emily,

Please find attached a tracked changed version and a clean version of the Cabinet paper. Comments for the office to note are in the tracked version.

Note:

- It includes agency feedback (MBIE, Tsy, MfR, MFAT) and 9(2)(h) and addresses the Minister’s feedback
- It reflects where we have landed with FBL on the conditions to attach to any agreement
- It has been refined to focus on the option of suspending FBL from its ETS surrender obligations
- The additional recs (#14 & #15) proposed by Tsy and please advise if you would like these removed
- Para 71 – please advise what you would like to say re proactive release
- Text for the CIPA and RIS sections will be updated in the final version. Current CIPA is attached. It needs some tidying up (formatting etc), which we will do tomorrow.
- The additional text, particularly from MFAT, has increased the page numbers.

Lisa Daniell (PAG) has asked to see a copy so I will forward this onto her as well. She may have comments/request changes.

Kirsty will send through the RIS later this evening.

Thanks very much

Jane

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