# Departmental Memo



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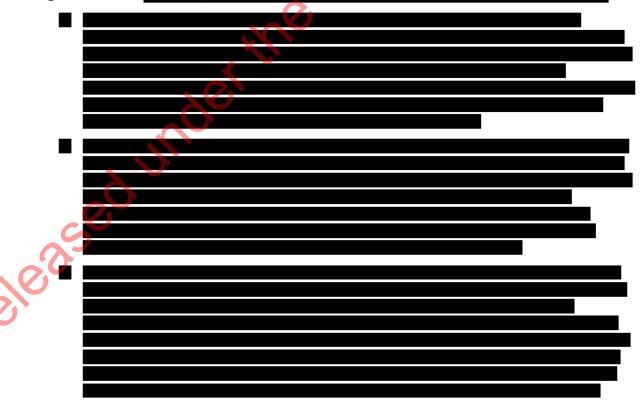
- Date: 10 November 2022
- To: Minister of Conservation
- From: Kayla Kingdon-Bebb, Director, Policy
- Subject: Oceans and Marine Ministers Meeting (OMMG) on 16 November 2022: Key Messages

#### Purpose – Te aronga

 This memo provides information on the agenda items to be discussed at the next Oceans and Marine Ministers Group (OMMG) meeting on Wednesday 16 November, 10:00-10:45am. The agenda is provided in Attachment A and the Oceans report card is in Attachment B.

#### **Key Messages**

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#### Agenda Item 2: Discussion on Offshore Renewables Work

- 7. This agenda item seeks to update you and the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries on the work DOC, MPI, and the Ministry for the Environment are doing (collectively as the Oceans Secretariat) to help to shape a new offshore renewable energy regulatory framework, led by the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE).
- 8. Developing a regulatory framework for offshore renewable energy was a commitment in the Emissions Reduction Plan. Several developers are now seeking direction on what would be required of them to establish offshore wind farms, particularly in Taranaki.
- 9. MBIE has prepared a discussion document on establishing a regulatory framework. This is due to be considered by Cabinet Economic Development Committee on 7 December, ahead of a four-month public consultation period starting on 13 December. The Oceans Secretariat have been engaging with MBIE throughout the development of this work.
- 10. The Oceans Secretariat considers that the framework has potential to provide clarity in a complicated regulatory environment; however, it must be carefully considered in light of the other activities and protection values present in the ocean.
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- 3. In relation to biodiversity, we consider there is a significant resourcing issue that requires addressing. We have little information about what species are using the areas proposed for offshore wind (though we understand that the proposed areas for wind farms sit across migration paths for some marine mammals and seabirds). It is unlikely that sufficient information will be available in the medium-term without new resources

to map these areas, to make a fully informed decision about the most appropriate locations for offshore wind energy.

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## **Oceans and Marine Ministers Group Meeting**

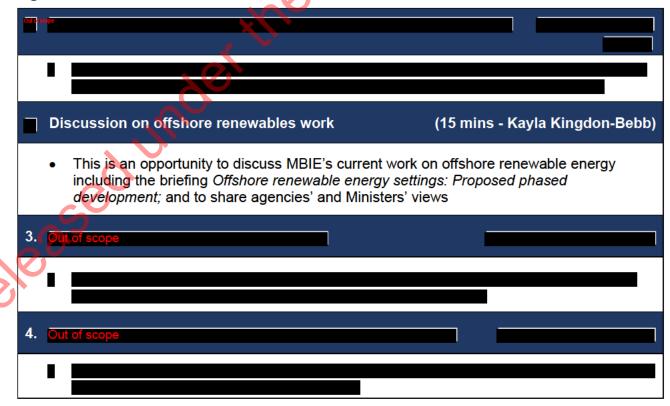
Wednesday 16 November 2022, 10.00am-10.45am (6.4EW and Zoom)

#### Attendees

Hon David Parker, Minister for Oceans and Fisheries, Minister for the Environment (Chair) Hon Poto Williams, Minister of Conservation Rino Tirikatene MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries

Department of Conservation	Ministry for Primary Industries	
Ruth Isaac, DDG - Strategy and Policy Kayla Kingdon-Bebb, Director – Policy Sam Thomas, Manager – Marine Policy Kirstie Knowles, Acting Director - Aquatic	Dan Bolger, DDG – Fisheries New Zealand Emma Taylor, Director – Fisheries Management Alastair Cameron, Director – Primary Sector Policy Anne Wietheger, Manager – Fisheries Policy Lisa Collins, Manager- Aquaculture Policy Rob Gear, Manager- Highly Migratory and Pacific Fisheries	
Ministry for the Environment		
Hayden Johnston, Director- Water and Land Use Policy Glenn Wigley, Director – Waste and Resource Efficiency Fiona Newlove, Manager – Marine Policy		

#### Agenda



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