

Ref: OIA 2023-013

6 May 2024

Kia ora

Thank you for your email of 5 April 2024 seeking information in relation to the Climate Change Commission's Board paper of 19 October 2022 "Summary of key points from the BusinessDesk series written by Adrian Macey and David Frame". You asked for the following:

"... the full paper and any record of discussion of it at the Board meeting; it will be interesting to have the Commission's take on the articles.

Also, it mentions some minor errors. As these articles are continuing to attract interest (and BD has now made them open access), we'd like to correct any errors so please let us know what they are."

Due to the nature of your request, the Commission has considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In response to your request, I am providing you with the 19 October 2022 Board paper in full. This is attached as Document 1.

I understand that since your request was made, you spoke with one of the authors of the paper, Principal Analyst, Matthew Smith, at the stakeholder briefing event for the launch of consultation on our draft advice on 8 April 2024.

Matthew explained that the discussion at the Board meeting on 19 October 2022 had primarily been about the Commission's wider communications approach in relation to responding to issues raised in the media, such as those raised in the series of BusinessDesk articles. The articles themselves were not the focus of the discussion. The minutes of the 19 October 2022 meeting can be found on our website. The item relating to the Board paper provided to you is Agenda Item 6, on page 5.

As Matthew also noted in your conversation of 8 April 2024, both authors of the paper are unable to recall any further detail of the minor inaccuracies referenced in the Board paper. The information you are seeking in this case is not held by the Commission in the context that you have requested but would need to be created in order to respond to your request. I rely on section 18(g) of the Act to support my decision to not supply this information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz





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