

Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance

Background – the BOGA declaration

1. The Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA) is being led by Denmark and Costa Rica. BOGA is the first diplomatic initiative exclusively focused on taking concrete steps to phase out oil and gas production to address climate change concerns. Denmark and Costa Rica are seeking to form an alliance of countries to set an end-date for oil and gas exploration and production.
2. Joining BOGA entails signing up to a declaration which sets out an ambition to:
 - set an end date for gas and oil production in line with the Paris Agreement to be carbon neutral by 2050
 - curtail continued investment in the production of oil and gas as investment is seen to lock-in a high carbon pathway
 - remove subsidies for oil and gas
 - ensure an equitable and socially just transition away from oil and gas production.
3. There are three tiers of membership:
 - **core**: committed to ending new licensing for oil and gas production and exploration and set a Paris Agreement date for ending oil and gas production and exploration in their territory.
 - **associate**: sign BOGA declaration and take one or more of several stated steps to reduce oil and gas production.
 - **friend**: sign the BOGA declaration
4. There is an expectation that signing BOGA as an associate or friend signals an ambition to become a core member over time. Ongoing commitments include an annual Ministerial meeting for core members and quarterly meetings that associate members and friends can also join.
5. s 6(a)

In December 2020, Denmark pledged to end all future licensing rounds for oil and gas exploration in the North Sea and put a stop date of 2050 on oil and gas production. Costa Rica has never extracted petroleum but will move to help prevent future government from doing so.

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Timeframes for joining BOGA as a founding member

7. Denmark and Costa Rica plan to launch BOGA at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26) over 31 October – 12 November. MFAT has signalled that they would require Ministerial direction by 29 October should New Zealand look to join BOGA as a founding member.

MBIE's preliminary assessment

New Zealand would not qualify to join BOGA as a core member

8. New Zealand would not currently qualify as a full member to join BOGA as a core member as we have not set a Paris Agreement aligned date for ending oil and gas exploration and production.

New Zealand would qualify to join BOGA as an associate member or a friend

9. New Zealand would however, qualify to join as an associate member as we have no subsidies for oil and gas production and have implemented significant measures that contribute to reducing the supply of oil and gas including:

- ending new offshore petroleum exploration permitting and
- introduced policies to increase the supply of renewable forms of energy.

10. New Zealand also has a Just Transitions pathway to transition away from the production of oil and gas which meets BOGA's ambition.

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Key matters that would require further analysis and decisions

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Risks and mitigations

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From: Sean Martin
Sent: Thursday, 4 November 2021 12:28 pm
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Review of onshore oil and gas [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s 9(2)(

MBIE can answer this for you - if you need any attribution it can be to a MBIE spokesperson:

When the Government announced a ban on new offshore oil and gas exploration in 2018 it did so to provide certainty for industry and communities that rely on fossil fuels so they can plan for the future. It struck a balance to protect existing industry, and protect future generations from the impact of climate change. As part of that, the Government committed to hold a Block Offer for onshore Blocks in Taranaki for 2018, and again in 2019 and 2020.

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Cheers

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Subject: Review of onshore oil and gas

Kia ora,

I just wanted to check in with MBIE and min of Energy about this policy from 2018 (apologies for emailing both, but I'm not sure to whom the query is best directed).

At the time of the offshore oil and gas exploration ban, the Government said it would review onshore block offers after three years.

I was wondering if that review had happened/is happening.

- Onshore block offers will continue in Taranaki for the next three years and will be reviewed following that.

https://www.beehive.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2018-04/Fact_sheet_oil%20and%20gas%20exploration.pdf

Fact Sheet - The Beehive

Fact Sheet • The Government will end the granting of new offshore oil exploration in New Zealand. • Onshore block offers will continue in Taranaki

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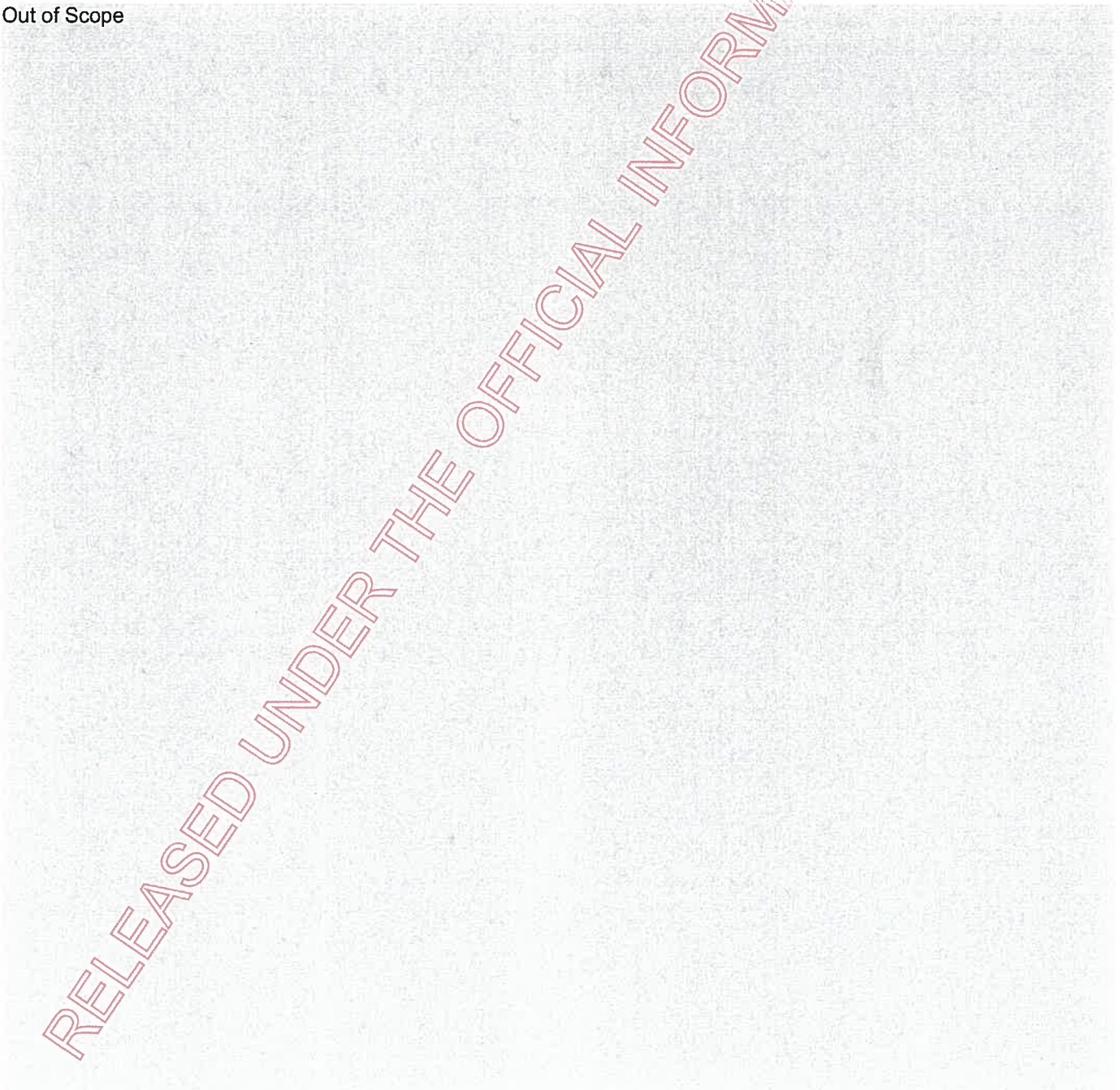
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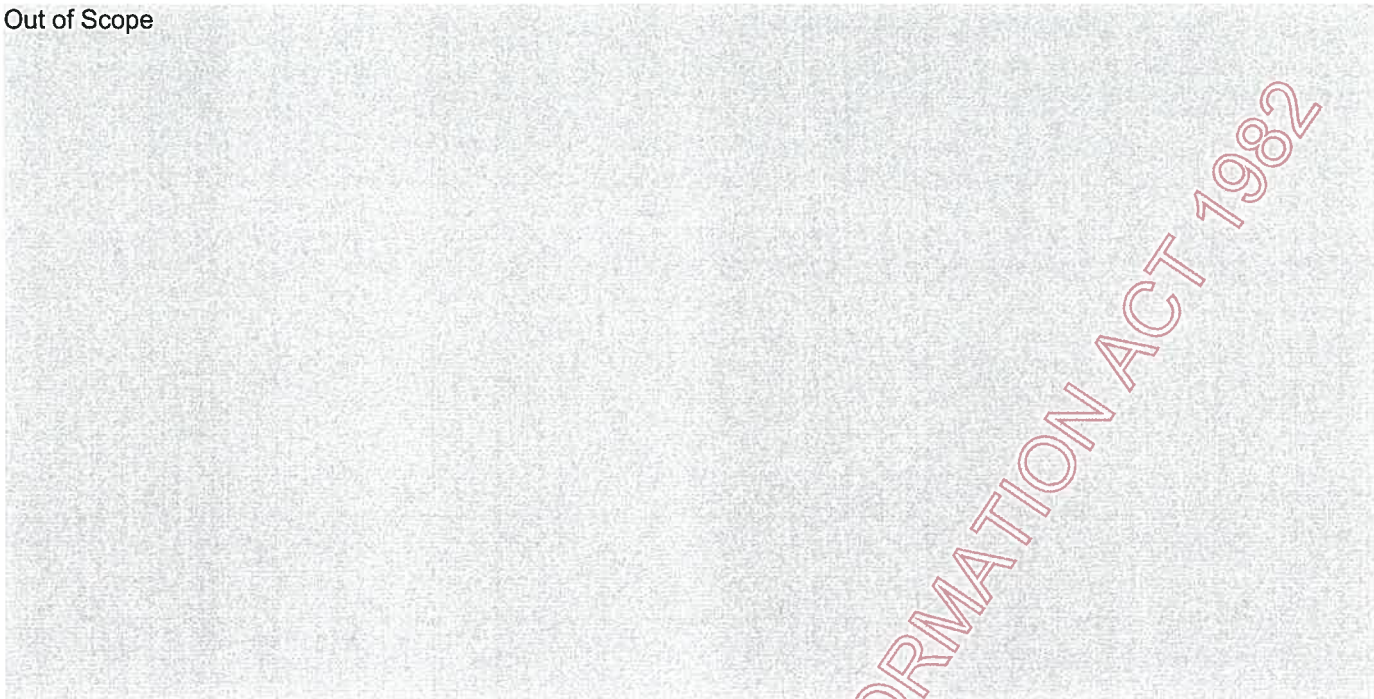
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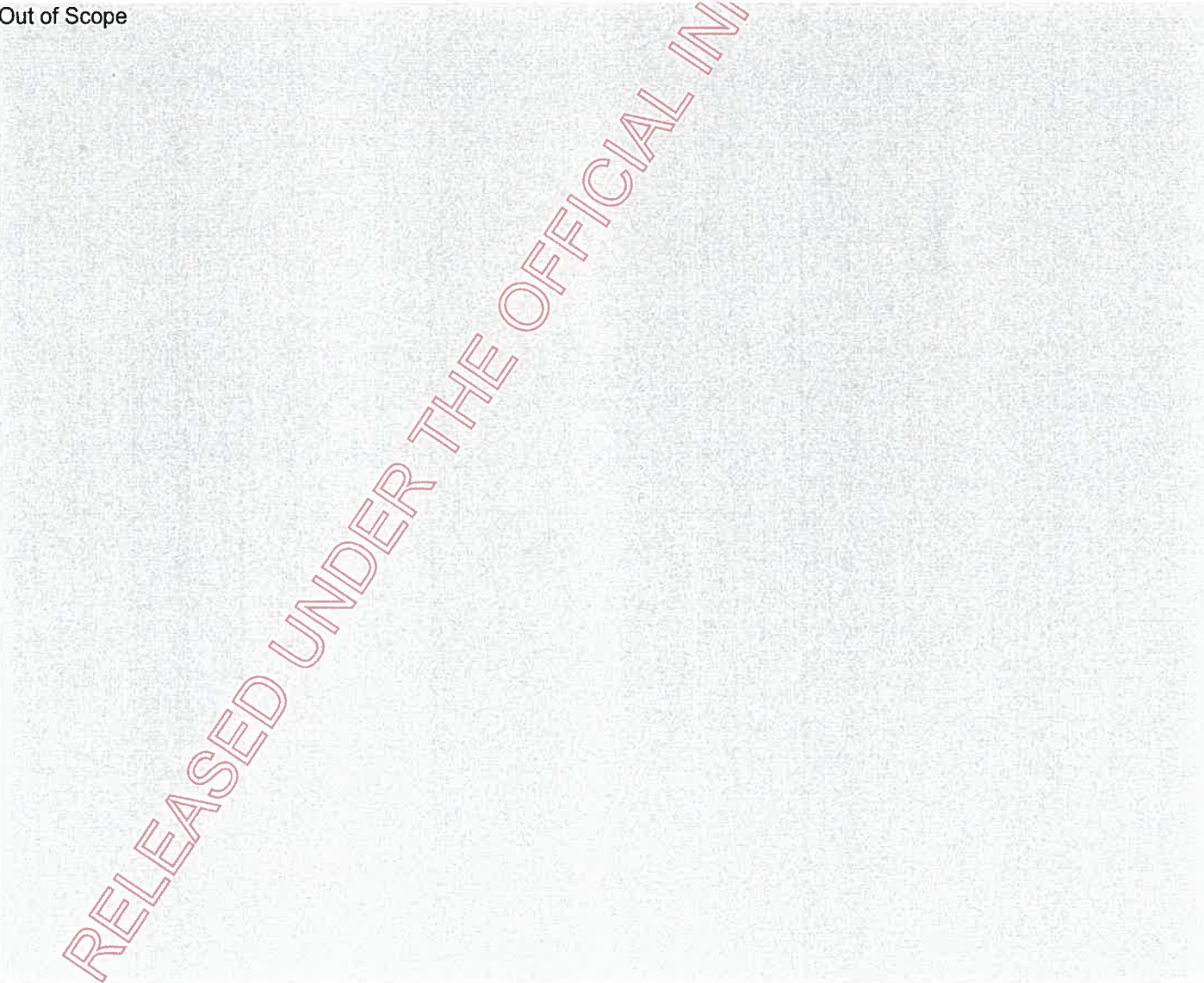
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Subject: COP26 initiatives - comms lines

Hey team

Shaw's office have been in contact with our office asking if we are planning on issuing any press releases or something similar for any of the COP26 announcements. We don't think at this stage that any warrant issuing a press release, however the office are keen to have some draft comms lines to hand in case we receive any media interest.

Could we get some draft lines to support the signing of the following E&R related initiatives?

- High Ambition Coalition Leader's Statement
- Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance
- Global Methane Pledge
- World Leaders Statement and Glasgow Breakthrough Declarations
- Global Energy Compact for No New Coal Power
- Global Coal to Clean Power Transition Statement

I've attached the advice we have received around each initiative.

By the end of Monday would be great if possible.

Thanks

Marissa

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Draft lines to support Energy and Resources-related initiatives at COP26.

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From: Sean Martin
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To: Marissa Quinn; Catherine Montague; Michelle Schulz
Subject: RE: Embargoed story on Beyond Oil & Gas Alliance - draft response required

MO – BOGA – s 9(2)(a) – Stuff

10 November

I understand NZ did not need to do anything additional to join the alliance. Is that correct?

New Zealand is committed to limiting the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees, and a socially just and equitable low emissions transition. New Zealand supports a Just Transitions approach to transitioning away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy. These policies have meant that New Zealand has qualified to join the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance as an associate member.

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- When do we expect this review to be complete?

See response above

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Hey

More Cop 26 stuff.

Could we please get draft responses to the below by 2pm today?

Thanks

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Hi Marissa,

I think you're dealing with a similar request.

Can you help with the answers to these questions?

Needed by mid- afternoon

Cheers
Jo

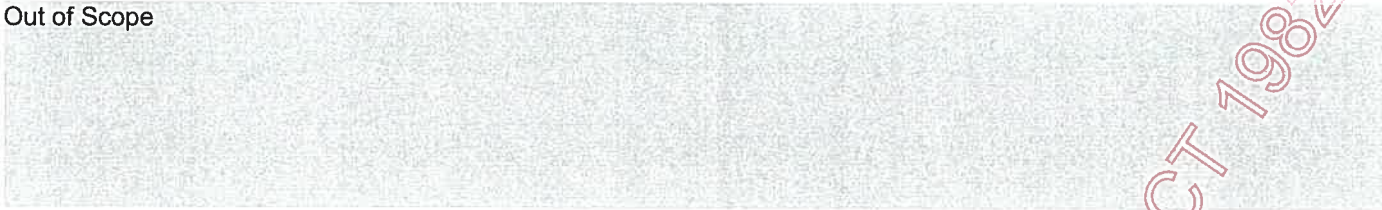
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I have spoken with Minister Shaw at the conference, but also wanted to confirm a few things with your office, as you hold the Energy & Resources portfolio:

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