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Subject: RE: [IN-CONFIDENCE - RELEASE EXTERNAL] Draft minutes of the TAG meeting 5 June

Hi Emily

Out of Scope

You asked the TAG to provide you with comments on the following:

TAG was asked to consider various aspects of the regulator, including:

- Assessment of potential benefits
 - Precautionary approach
 - Independent decision-maker
 - Public consultation
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- Benefits should not be considered. It risks lowering the bar by creating a trade-off. The regulator should be charged with managing the risk as in the Biosecurity Act (re Import Health Standards) and FSANZ.
 - The precautionary approach is not useful as it can be interpreted in both directions – do something because of scientific uncertainty or don't let scientific uncertainty stop you doing something.
 - Caution is built into risk management and does not need to be repeated.
 - An independent decision maker is preferable to a committee when making evidence-based decisions. This is strongly advocated by the OTGR.
 - The consultation outlined by the Australian legislation is appropriate with the addition of tangata whenua where consultation is chosen or required.
 - I do not support a statement of benefit being required. It might be good PR in some situations but is not necessary for the management of risks.

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Kia ora koutou

Please find attached the draft minutes for our June meeting. It is important that these minutes reflect our discussions and advice, so please take the opportunity to look through them and raise any issues either with me directly, or at our meeting.

Our next meeting is next week - so I will be in touch with agenda and papers when they come available.

As always, I am very happy to catch up on any issues that arise. Please don't hesitate to be in touch

Many thanks

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