

**From:** Ralph Matthes  
**To:** EA  
**Subject:** RE: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021  
**Date:** Thursday, 4 November 2021 11:49:20 am  
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Hi S9(2)(a)

Just checking that you have received two other acceptances from:

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Kind regards

Ralph

M S9(2)(a)

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**From:** S9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 November 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021

Hi Ralph,

Additions are as below – hopefully I have not missed anyone

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Regards

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**From:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 3 November 2021 2:34 pm  
**To:** S9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021

That's good news

Could you send me a list of updated attendees?

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**From:** S9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Wednesday, 3 November 2021 2:12 PM  
**To:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021

Hi Ralph

Just letting you know that since emailing yesterday, I have quite a few more acceptances come through from your members

Regards

S9(2)(a)

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**From:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 November 2021 1:13 pm  
**To:** S9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021

Hi S9(2)(a)

I want to chase up MEUG members to make sure they have received the invite to the EA & MEUG meeting to discuss the wholesale market review this Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, between 4 and 5pm.

Can you let me know who from MEUG has accepted the zoom meeting invitation so far?

Kind regards

Ralph

M S9(2)(a)

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**From:** S9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 October 2021 5:14 PM  
**To:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021

Hi Ralph

Apologies, had some technical issues with my device so was only able to send the invite out just now. Please let me know if you want me to forward onto your members etc

Regards

S9(2)(a)

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**From:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 October 2021 2:07 pm  
**To:** S9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** FW: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021

Hi S9(2)(a)

Can confirm that MEUG members would like to meet with the EA between 4pm to 5pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

If ok with the EA, can S9(2)(a), Senior Economist NZIER, advising us on the review and issues paper, attend also.

So far, including S9(2)(a), there will be 16 attendees.

Let me know if you want their email addresses so you can send them a meeting invite or just send me the invite and I can forward to them.

Kind regards

Ralph

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**From:** Ralph Matthes

**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 October 2021 12:52 PM

**To:** S9(2)(a)

**Subject:** RE: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021

No probs S9(2)(a)

Have asked for members to respond close of business today. Will do a another follow up check tomorrow morning and should be able to confirm preferred time by midday tomorrow, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Kind regards

Ralph

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**From:** S9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 October 2021 12:39 PM

**To:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)

**Subject:** RE: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021

Hi Ralph,

Apologies the 2-3pm slot is now no longer available

Regards

S9(2)(a)

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**From:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 October 2021 11:35 am

**To:** S9(2)(a)

**Cc:** Andy Doube S9(2)(a)

**Subject:** RE: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021

Thankyou S9(2)(a)

I'll check MEUG members now and get back to you asap.

Kind regards

Ralph

**From:** S9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 October 2021 11:31 AM  
**To:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Andy Doube S9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021

Good morning Ralph,

I am assisting with setting meetings up regarding the papers. As Andy indicated, we would be keen to meet with you. We will have our Chief Executive, James Stevenson-Wallace, our Chair and a Board member and technical staff available to meet.

We have the below days and times available (based on the previous information from you) and were hoping that one of these would suit yourself and key members. Unfortunately we cannot provide any times on Monday or Tuesday 1 and 2 November.

Thursday 4 November

- 9.30-10.30am
- 2-3pm
- 3-4pm
- 4-5pm

Please let me know if any of these times will work and we can confirm arrangements from there

Regards

S9(2)(a)



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**From:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 October 2021 10:37 am  
**To:** Andy Doube S9(2)(a); James Stevenson-Wallace S9(2)(a); S9(2)(a); Doug Watt S9(2)(a); S9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** John Harbord S9(2)(a); S9(2)(a)

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Thankyou for discussion this morning Andy and agree best to give members, our advisors and John and me time to read material before we have a conversation.

The week starting 1<sup>st</sup> November is ok provided time doesn't conflict with TPM engagement that week also. EA TPM briefings that week are:

01-Nov-21, Mon	EA TPM event: Wellington
02-Nov-21, Tue	EA TPM event: Wellington (detailed technical event)
03-Nov-21, Wed	EA TPM event: Auckland
04-Nov-21, Thu	EA TPM event: Whangarei
05-Nov-21, Fri	EA TPM event: Tauranga

S9(2)(a) and I will be at the Wellington TPM events on the Monday and Tuesday. Timing of those events on those days has yet to be confirmed.

If, depending on COVID-19 level, the TPM events are live as well as by zoom, some MEUG members may travel to Wellington for the detailed technical event on the Tuesday so depending on timing could have both TPM events and discussion EA and MEUG on the wholesale market review and issues paper. Similarly a Monday discussion on the wholesale market review and issues paper would work provided doesn't overlap with TPM event that day.

If timing of TPM event is unsure then possibly best day to meet would be Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to allow members in Auckland to attend the TPM event on Wednesday. There are no MEUG members with sites only near Whangarei, hence Thursday would be ok.

Having a separate meeting with John and me and or with S9(2)(a) should be considered once we see the material on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Kind regards

Ralph

M S9(2)(a)

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**From:** Andy Doube S9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 October 2021 9:51 AM

**To:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a); James Stevenson-Wallace S9(2)(a)  
; S9(2)(a); Doug Watt

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**Cc:** John Harbord S9(2)(a); S9(2)(a)

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Hi Ralph

Thanks for the chat just now. As mentioned, I think it might be most useful to meet in the week of

1 November once you've had an opportunity to consider the (comprehensive) reports.

I'll ask [S9(2)(a)] to arrange a time that suits. It might be that you could want 2 meetings; you and John and a broader one with your members. Happy to accommodate whatever works for you.

Kind rgds Andy

☐ **Andrew Doube**  
General Manager Market Policy

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**From:** Ralph Matthes [S9(2)(a)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 October 2021 3:34 PM  
**To:** James Stevenson-Wallace [S9(2)(a)]; Andy Doube  
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[S9(2)(a)]; [S9(2)(a)]  
**Cc:** John Harbord [S9(2)(a)]; [S9(2)(a)]  
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**Subject:** RE: Special Market Brief - 6 October 2021

Hi James, Andy, [S9(2)(a)], Doug and [S9(2)(a)]  
cc John (MEUG Chair)  
cc [S9(2)(a)] (NZIER) and [S9(2)(a)] (IWA) – expert advisors to MEUG

In addition to the request for a bilateral meeting week starting 1<sup>st</sup> November, would the EA like to attend the MEUG monthly Executive Committee on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, the day the review and issues papers are published?

Alternatively, given the importance of this topic to members, we could shift our MEUG monthly meeting to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October to allow as early engagement as possible between MEUG members and the EA.

Happy to discuss options that work for the EA.

Kind regards  
Ralph  
M [S9(2)(a)]

**From:** Ralph Matthes

**Sent:** Thursday, 7 October 2021 11:15 AM

**To:** James Stevenson-Wallace - EA S9(2)(a); Andy Doube - EA

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**Cc:** John Harbord - MEUG S9(2)(a); S9(2)(a)

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Hi James, Andy, S9(2)(a), Doug and S9(2)(a)

cc John (MEUG Chair)

cc S9(2)(a) (NZIER) and S9(2)(a) (IWA) – expert advisors to MEUG

Thank you for advising the market yesterday of when the review and issues papers will be released. Advance notice by regulators of important milestones for key policy issues is, in my view, best policy practice.

MEUG will organise resources to analyse and prepare a response. That will include:

- If required, emailing the EA an initial set of any process related questions such as clarifying the future process timeline, clarifying references and source material, access to modelling and any expert advisors to the EA, and requesting data-points on graphs in the papers for charts where there are no tables with that supporting information.
- Emailing the EA an initial list of clarifying questions on the contents of the papers. We plan to have an initial list with you by 5pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

We are unsure what engagement process you propose. To assist your consideration of options we have found a mix of both bi-lateral discussions and open workshops are best for complex issues. Accordingly can we pencil in a date and time for an EA and MEUG bi-lateral discussion for the week starting 1<sup>st</sup> November? The sooner we can set a date and time, the higher the attendance rate by MEUG members.

Happy to discuss any aspect of this email or request to arrange a meeting with members. Please call me on S9(2)(a).

Kind regards

Ralph

M S9(2)(a)

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**From:** Electricity Authority <[info@media.ea.govt.nz](mailto:info@media.ea.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 October 2021 4:01 PM

**To:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)

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## Wholesale market competition review to be released on Wednesday 27 October

The Authority's review into competition in the wholesale market is nearly complete.

The review's observations and a preliminary issues paper - which explores possible policy options - will both be released on Wednesday 27 October.

The review has looked at elevated prices in the wholesale market from January 2019 to June 2021 and whether these prices were determined in a competitive environment.

Both papers will be available for feedback from interested parties from Wednesday 27 October with all the information available on the Authority's website.

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