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Minute of Decision

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Climate Change II: Public Awareness and Education, Business Opportunities and Local Government Partnership

On 7 October 2002, following reference from the Cabinet Policy Committee, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that public awareness and education, business opportunities and local government partnership programmes are foundation policies in the preferred climate change policy package;

Public Awareness and Education

- 2 **agreed** that public awareness and education for long-term behaviour change are an important foundation of the climate change policy package;
- 3 **noted** that \$ will be required to undertake research and outreach activities in stages one and two of the public awareness and education programme, and that this amount is included in the increase in appropriation approved by Cabinet [CAB Min (02) 26/18];
- 4 **directed** officials to undertake the research and outreach activities identified in stages one and two of the public awareness and education programme, and to report progress to the Convenor of the Ministerial Group on Climate Change by March 2003;

Business Opportunities

- 5 **directed** officials to investigate:
 - 5.1 how government agencies can ensure that their operations and purchasing decisions take account of the need to meet New Zealand's Kyoto Protocol obligations and demonstrate leadership in markets for related goods and services;
 - 5.2 the most effective methods of encouraging the development of a climate change service industry, and whether there is a role for particular government agencies such as the Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority (EECA), the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology (FRST), Industry New Zealand (INZ) and Trade New Zealand (TNZ) in supporting this development;
 - 5.3 whether there is a role for government agencies such as EECA, FRST, INZ and TNZ in the provision of information, analysis and expertise in partnership with the private sector until the climate change support industry develops;
 - 5.4 whether and how to improve co-ordination of private and public sector initiatives (including INZ, FRST, EECA and TNZ programmes) at both industry and firm levels, including a review of the range of programmes currently available;
- 6 **noted** that initial funding to undertake the business opportunity programme, for the current financial year is included in the increase in appropriations approved by Cabinet [CAB Min (02) 26/18]. This amount includes the contribution to the establishment of the proposed Pew South Pacific Centre. Officials will report back on additional fiscal implications after further investigation on the role of Government in climate change related industry development;

Local Government Partnership

- 7 **agreed** that a local government partnership should be established, and should be managed and delivered by a secretariat housed in Local Government New Zealand;
- 8 **noted** that accountability for the partnership will be based on a contract between the Climate Change Project office and Local Government New Zealand, and will ultimately lie with the Climate Change Project office;
- 9 **noted** that:
 - 9.1 funding to establish the local government partnership of for the current financial year is included in the increase in appropriation by Cabinet [CAB Min (02) 26/28];
 - 9.2 and likely funding to be sought in each of the following two years;

Consultation

- 10 **noted** the advice of the Convenor, Ministerial Group on Climate Change that this issue will be the subject of consultation with other parties represented in Parliament.