



Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

McGuinness Institute title:
[CBC-20-MIN-0121] Adaptation
legislation: Proposed Timelines
and Process

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Adaptation Legislation: Proposed Timelines and Process

Portfolio Climate Change

On 9 December 2020, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Resource Management Review Panel (the Panel) undertook a comprehensive review of the resource management system and produced a report entitled New Directions for Resource Management in New Zealand (the Report) in June 2020;
- 2 **noted** that the Report had a strong climate change focus and recommended new Managed Retreat and Climate Change Adaptation legislation (adaptation legislation) to address the complex legal and technical issues associated with managed retreat and establishing an adaptation fund;
- 3 **noted** that the Panel recommended two other pieces of legislation, a Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA) and Strategic Planning Act (SPA), that are considered in the submission under CBC-20-SUB-0120;
- 4 **noted** that the submission under CBC-20-SUB-0120 includes a proposal to proceed with resource management reform on the basis of the Panel's recommendations although further work and refinement is needed in some areas;
- 5 **noted** there are opportunities to strengthen outcomes for climate change adaptation within all three proposed pieces of legislation;
- 6 **noted** that passing adaptation legislation this term of government was covered in the Labour Party manifesto;
- 7 **noted** there are key connections between adaptation legislation and the Strategic Planning Act and a need to keep policy linked as it is developed;
- 8 **noted** that there is significant new policy work required to develop adaptation legislation, which takes time and engagement, particularly for the proposals for managed retreat;
- 9 **agreed in principle**, subject to the report referred to in paragraph 10, that the overall approach to progressing the development of adaptation legislation:
 - 9.1 use the Report as a starting point for scoping and policy development;
 - 9.2 s 9(2)(f)(iv)

9.3 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]
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10 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]
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11 **noted** that broad engagement will also be needed with our Treaty partners, local government and other interested parties, as well as public consultation, due to the need for significant further policy development and high stakeholder interest;

12 **noted** that the submission under CBC-20-SUB-0120 proposes the establishment of a Ministerial Oversight Group to make decisions on detailed policy for the NBA, and for associated matters relating to the SPA and adaptation legislation;

13 s 9(2)(f) [redacted]
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14 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]
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19 s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon James Shaw

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