



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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[CAB-21-MIN-0084.01]
Reprioritisation of Remaining 1
Billion Trees Funding

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Portfolio **Forestry**

On 29 March 2021, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Development Committee, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that forestry and wood processing is a strategic asset for New Zealand, and has the potential to be a significant contributor to the response to climate change;
- 2 **noted** that the Minister of Forestry intends to establish new forestry strategic planning and advisory services;
- 3 **noted that, subject to** paragraph 4 below, the Minister of Forestry intends to signal his vision for the forestry and wood processing sector by changing the name of Te Uru Rākau, Forestry New Zealand to Te Uru Rākau, The New Zealand Forest Service;
- 4 **invited** the Minister of Forestry to provide further information as requested on the costs of changing the name of Te Uru Rākau, Forestry New Zealand before proceeding with the proposed name change;
- 5 **noted that, subject to** paragraph 4, the Minister of Forestry intends to formally recognise Rotorua as the operational headquarters for Te Uru Rākau, The New Zealand Forest Service;
- 6 **agreed in principle** to reprioritise \$23.5 million from the One Billion Trees Fund to establish a new forestry specialist planning and advisory function, **subject to** further work on the operational design and timing of implementation of the new services;
- 7 **noted** that key stakeholders and government agencies will be consulted as this work continues;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Forestry, the Minister of Climate Change, the Minister for Conservation, and the Minister of Finance to jointly approve any necessary changes to appropriations to give effect to paragraph 6, including the establishment of new appropriations or categories, **subject to** the further work described in paragraph 6 above being satisfactorily completed.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Secretary's Note: This minute replaces DEV-21-MIN-0053. Cabinet added a new paragraph 4. Further consequential amendments have also been made.