



## PROACTIVE RELEASE COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon James SHAW	<b>Portfolio</b>	Climate Change
<b>Name of package</b>	Proactive release of Climate Change Adaptation Bill Cabinet papers	<b>Date to be published</b>	25 September 2023

### List of documents that have been proactively released

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
3 August 2023	Cabinet paper: Community-led retreat and adaptation funding – issues and options paper	Office of the Minister of Climate Change
16 June 2023	Cabinet paper: Progressing the Climate Change Adaptation Bill	Office of the Minister of Climate Change
16 March 2021	Cabinet paper: Adaptation Legislation: Proposed Scope, Objectives and Process	Office of the Minister of Climate Change
7 August 2023	Cabinet Business Committee Minute of Decision: Community-led Retreat and Adaptation Funding: Issues and Options Paper Food Waste (CBC-23-MIN-0016)	Cabinet Office
22 June 2023	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee Minute of Decision: Progressing the Climate Change Adaptation Bill (ENV-23-MIN-0027)	Cabinet Office
15 March 2021	Cabinet Minute of Decision: Adaptation legislation – scope, objectives, and process (CAB-21-MIN-0068)	Cabinet Office

### Information redacted **YES**

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### Summary of reasons for redaction

Some information has been withheld for the reasons of confidential information entrusted to Government and confidential advice to Government.



# Cabinet Business Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Community-led Retreat and Adaptation Funding: Issues and Options Paper

**Portfolio**                      **Climate Change**

On 7 August 2023, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1        **noted** that in June 2023, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:
  - 1.1        agreed to request the Environment and Māori Affairs Committees initiate an inquiry into community-led retreat and adaptation funding, supported by an issues and options paper;
  - 1.2        authorised the Minister of Climate Change to refine the proposed terms of reference for the inquiry prior to formally requesting the initiation of the inquiry;

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- 2        **noted** that logistical and procedural concerns have prevented the establishment of a joint inquiry at this point;
- 3        **noted** that the terms of reference for the inquiry have been revised after discussions with the Chair of the Environment Committee, and are attached to the submission under CBC-23-SUB-0016;
- 4        **noted** that officials from the Ministry for the Environment will act as advisors to the Select Committee, with support from technical experts from across all of government;
- 5        **noted** that officials will consider the best approach for advising the Select Committee on the lessons learnt through the inquiry into the North Island severe weather events and future of severely affected locations workstream;
- 6        **noted** that the issues and options paper attached to the submission under CBC-23-SUB-0016 covers:
  - 6.1        key context, including the government adaptation work programme;
  - 6.2        the need for change (focusing on the absence of a community-led retreat system and gaps in the funding approach);
  - 6.3        role of Māori and giving effect to the principles of te Tiriti o Waitangi;
  - 6.4        risk assessment;

- 6.5 community-led adaptation planning;
- 6.6 community-led retreat and adaptation decision making;
- 6.7 funding and financing;
- 6.8 recovery;
- 7 **agreed** to the release of the issues and options paper on community-led retreat and adaptation funding to support the inquiry;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Climate Change to make minor accuracy and editorial changes to the issues and options paper prior to its release;
- 9 **noted** that in September 2022, the Secretary for the Environment established the Managed Retreat Expert Working Group (the Group);
- 10 **noted** that the overall objective of the Group was to assist officials to develop detailed design options for a robust, equitable, and enduring retreat system, and funding and financing adaptation;
- 11 **noted** that the Group's report will be released alongside the issues and options paper, and will also be provided to the inquiry.

Jenny Vickers  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Jan Tinetti  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Ginny Andersen  
Hon James Shaw

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet