



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

DEV-20-MIN-0084

McGuinness Institute title:
[DEV-20-MIN-0084]
Agreement on Climate
Change, Trade and
Sustainability: Initial
Negotiating Mandate

This document contains information for the New Zealand Cabinet. It must be treated in confidence and handled in accordance with any security classification, or other endorsement. The information can only be released, including under the Official Information Act 1982, by persons with the appropriate authority.

Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability: Initial Negotiating Mandate

Portfolio **Trade and Export Growth**

On 27 May 2020, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in September 2019, New Zealand announced the intention to negotiate an Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability, initially with Norway, Iceland, Costa Rica, Fiji and Switzerland;
- 2 **approved** the negotiating mandate for the negotiations, as outlined in Annex One to the paper under DEV-20-SUB-0084, that will advance New Zealand's sustainable development and climate change objectives via trade policy mechanisms and enable New Zealand officials to agree to outcomes that are consistent with key government priorities;
- 3 **noted** that this initiative supports New Zealand's early trade policy response to COVID-19;
- 4 **noted** that any issues not addressed in Annex One will be dealt with in accordance with New Zealand's existing policy settings, in consultation with relevant agencies and Ministers;
- 5 **authorised** the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and the Ministers for Trade and Export Growth, Finance, Economic Development, Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Customs, Agriculture and Climate Change (or a group of these Ministers depending on the specific issue) to approve other proposals that do not depart significantly from the parameters outlined in Annex One;
- 6 **noted** that the costs of negotiations will be met from departmental baselines, and that Ministers will have the opportunity to consider at a later date any costs that may arise from the content of any outcomes;
- 7 **noted** that before New Zealand confirms its intention to be bound by the outcome of negotiations, final agreed texts and accompanying National Interest Analyses will be submitted to Cabinet for approval;
- 8 **noted** that Cabinet approval will be sought for New Zealand to sign and ratify the outcomes of the negotiations.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon James Shaw
Hon Eugenie Sage

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV

Proactively released by the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade