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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Telecommunications Act 2001: Proposed Deregulation of Resale Services

Portfolio **Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media**

On 27 May 2020, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that a review undertaken by the Commerce Commission has determined that competition within the telecommunications fixed line voice market is now well established, and that Retail Service Providers are no longer dependent on access to the Resale Services;
- 2 **noted** that the Commerce Commission's recommendation for deregulation of the Resale Services have been publicly consulted on, and that submissions supported the proposal to deregulate the Resale Services;
- 3 **agreed** to remove the Resale Services from Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Telecommunications Act 2001;
- 4 **noted** that:
 - 4.1 other references to the Resale Services in sections 69 XB(i) and 69 XA of the Telecommunications Act 2001 can be repealed through a separate legislative vehicle;
 - 4.2 because both are minor legislative changes, it is proposed that these be included in the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Regulatory Systems Omnibus Bill (No. 4), scheduled to be submitted to Cabinet for approval later in 2020;
- 5 **invited** the Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft the necessary legislative changes that would bring the proposal referred to above into effect, through an Order in Council under the Telecommunications Act 2001.

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:

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Officials Committee for DEV

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