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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Review of the Plant Variety Rights Act 1987: Release of Discussion Document on Outstanding Policy Issues

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On 29 July 2020, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that 13 November 2019, DEV agreed to amend the Plant Variety Rights Act 1987 (PVR Act) to meet New Zealand's obligations under the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement on Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and the Treaty of Waitangi [DEV-19-MIN-0301];
- 2 **agreed** to release the discussion document *Review of the Plant Variety Rights Act 1987: Outstanding Policy Issues* (the discussion document), attached to the paper under DEV-20-SUB-0153 for public consultation, subject to any minor or editorial changes that may be required;
- 3 **noted** that the discussion document will be released for public consultation by 10 August 2020 and be open for a period of 6 weeks;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs intends to report back to Cabinet later in 2020 with a paper seeking:
 - 4.1 further policy decisions on amendments to the PVR regime;
 - 4.2 approval for the introduction of a Plant Variety Rights Amendment Bill.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon James Shaw
Hon Eugenie Sage

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV