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Minister	Hon Poto Williams	Portfolio	Building and Construction
Title of Cabinet paper	Occupational regulation of engineers: Release of discussion document	Date to be published	10 June 2021

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
14 April 2021	<i>Occupational regulation of engineers: Release of discussion document</i>	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
14 April 2021	[DEV-21-MIN-0087]	Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Information redacted

YES

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The appendix *Occupational regulation for engineers* has not been included as it has already been published on MBIE's website.

Some information has been withheld to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by ministers and officials.



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Occupational Regulation of Engineers: Release of Discussion Document

Portfolio **Building and Construction**

On 5 May 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that the regulatory regime for engineers in New Zealand is not fit for purpose, and risks significant harm to the public or individual consumers;
- 2 **noted** that a proposed two-tiered regulatory regime would ensure all professional engineers practise under an occupational regulatory regime;
- 3 **noted** that mandatory registration would lift the professionalism of the engineering occupation, and provide an avenue for substandard performance and behaviour to be addressed;
- 4 **noted** that licensing would restrict practice in high risk engineering disciplines to engineers who have demonstrated competence and expertise in that area;
- 5 **noted** that a new regulator would be established to oversee the regime;
- 6 **agreed** to release the discussion document *Occupational Regulation of Engineers* (the discussion document), attached to the paper under DEV-21-SUB-0087, as a basis for public consultation on the proposed changes;
- 7 **authorised** the Minister for Building and Construction to make minor amendments and refinements to the discussion document before it is released;
- 8 **invited** the Minister for Building and Construction to report back to DEV Confidential advice to Government on the outcome of the consultation and to seek agreement to final policy proposals.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Dr Deborah Russell, MP

Officials present from:

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