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07/07/21	<i>Cabinet Economic Development Committee: Minute of Decision</i>	<i>Cabinet Office</i>

Information redacted

YES / NO

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Crown Minerals (Decommissioning and Other Matters) Amendment Bill: Release of Discussion Document

Portfolio Energy and Resources

On 7 July 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

1 **noted** that:

1.1 Cabinet has previously agreed to strengthen the legal and financial responsibility for decommissioning petroleum sector infrastructure and to expand the enforcement toolbox under the Crown Minerals Act 1991 [DEV-20-MIN-0092 and DEV-21-MIN-0058];

1.2 on 10 June 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee approved the Crown Minerals (Decommissioning and Other Matters) Amendment Bill (the Bill) for introduction [LEG-21-MIN-0092];

2 **noted** that consultation on proposed regulations to support the Bill should occur while the Bill is being considered by the Select Committee, so that the Bill can be considered in conjunction with the regulations;

3 **agreed** to the release of the discussion document titled *Proposed Regulations to Support the Crown Minerals (Decommissioning and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2021* (the discussion document), attached to the paper under DEV-21-SUB-0158, subject to any minor or technical amendments that may be required;

4 **noted** that the discussion document will be released in July 2021 for a six-week public consultation period;

5 **invited** the Minister of Energy and Resources to report back to DEV, after feedback received from the consultation has been considered, seeking final policy decisions on the proposed regulations.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta (via zoom)
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor (via zoom)
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Rino Tirikatene MP
Dr Deborah Russell MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV