



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Dr Megan Woods	<b>Portfolio</b>	Energy and Resources
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Fuel supply resilience without a domestic oil refinery	<b>Date to be published</b>	2 November 2021

### List of documents that have been proactively released

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
September 2021	Fuel supply resilience without a domestic oil refinery	Office of the Minister of Energy and Resources
15 September 2021	Fuel supply resilience without a domestic oil refinery CBC-21-MIN-0101	Cabinet Office

### Information redacted

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# Cabinet Business Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Fuel Supply Resilience Without a Domestic Oil Refinery

**Portfolio**                      **Energy and Resources**

On 15 September 2021, the Cabinet Business Committee, having been authorised by Cabinet to have Power to Act [CAB-21-MIN-0371]:

- 1        **noted** that Refining NZ plans to convert its Marsden Point oil refinery to a fuel import terminal and expects to make a final decision by 30 September 2021;
- 2        **noted** that closure of the refinery is expected to have little impact on fuel supply resilience under most disruption scenarios, but it could reduce New Zealand's resilience to a low likelihood but high consequence event that leaves New Zealand with no ability to import fuels;
- 3        **noted** that options to mitigate any reduction in fuel resilience include increasing minimum levels of fuel stock held in New Zealand and/or subsidising Refining NZ to maintain refinery operations for a limited period;
- 4        **noted** that there is not a strong case on the basis of fuel security to maintain refinery operations but there are broader considerations;
- 5        **agreed** that officials investigate the option of increasing minimum levels of fuel stock held in New Zealand;
- 6        **invited** the Minister of Energy and Resources to report back to Cabinet by 20 December 2021 for approval to release a consultation paper on minimum fuel stockholding obligations.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Michael Wood

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet