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Minister	Hon Dr David Clark	Portfolio	Digital Economy and Communications
Title of Cabinet paper	Releasing the Draft Digital Technologies Industry Transformation Plan	Date to be published	28 February 2022

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
December 2021	Releasing the Draft Digital Technologies Industry Transformation Plan	Office of the Minister of the Digital Economy and Communications
8 December 2021	Releasing the Draft Digital Technologies Industry Transformation Plan DEV-21-MIN-0261	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES / NO

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Draft Digital Technologies Industry Transformation Plan: Public Release

Portfolios Economic and Regional Development / Digital Economy and Communications

On 8 December 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee::

- 1 **noted** that as part of the government's Industry Strategy, Cabinet agreed in 2019 that an Industry Transformation Plan (ITP) for the Digital Technologies sector be advanced [DEV-19-MIN-0139];
- 2 **noted** that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has worked closely with NZTech and a number of other key stakeholders to develop a draft Digital Technologies ITP, a shared vision and a strategic framing, based on activity across seven workstreams;
- 3 **noted** that the draft ITP includes a draft action plan that has been co-created with the industry to support accelerated growth in digital exports, new high-value jobs, and various spill-over benefits, including meeting emission reduction goals and enhancing productivity;
- 4 **noted** that an allocation of funding in Budget 2020 has enabled initial progress on several key projects, including a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) community, the completion of a Digital Skills and Talent Plan, work on draft AI Strategy and potential Centre for AI, and the development of a New Zealand Tech Story;
- 5 **Confidential advice to Government**
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- 7 **noted** that the Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications is working with the Minister of Immigration on a border class exception for targeted skilled digital sector workers to enter New Zealand in 2022 to support the sector's growth;
- 8 **Confidential advice to Government**
- 9 **noted** that the draft Digital Technologies ITP complements the emerging Digital Strategy for Aotearoa and is a key contributor to the Growth (Mahi Ake) pillar;

10 Confidential advice to Government
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11 **agreed** to the release of the *Digital Technologies Draft Industry Transformation Plan*, attached to the paper under DEV-21-SUB-0261, for feedback via the ITP's website, subject to any minor or technical amendments that may be required;

12 Confidential advice to Government
[Redacted]

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene, MP
Dr Deborah Russell, MP

Officials present from:

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