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<b>Minister</b>	Hon Dr Megan Woods	<b>Portfolio</b>	Building and Construction
<b>Title of briefing</b>	Building Consent System Review: Release of Discussion Document	<b>Date to be published</b>	15 August 2022

### List of documents that have been proactively released

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
June 2022	Building Consent System Review: Release of Discussion Document	Office of the Minister of Building and Construction
29 June 2022	Building Consent System Review: Release of Discussion Document DEV-22-MIN-0155 Minute	Cabinet Office

### Information redacted

**YES**

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# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Building Consent System Review: Release of Discussion Document

**Portfolio**                      **Building and Construction**

On 29 June 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1        **noted** that a key priority for the government is delivering a better building consent system to ensure that New Zealanders have access to secure, healthy and affordable housing;
- 2        **noted** the importance of engaging with the building and construction sector on the review of the building consent system to build a broad understanding of system-wide issues, and to set the direction of travel for further work on options for change;
- 3        **agreed** to the release of the issues discussion document *Review of the Building Consent System* (the discussion document), attached to the paper under DEV-22-SUB-0155, for public consultation;
- 4        **noted** that a policy position statement *Risk, Liability and Insurance in the Building Sector* (the policy position statement), attached to the paper under DEV-22-SUB-0155, has also been prepared to clarify the government's position on the risk, liability and insurance settings for the building and construction industry, and to support consultation on the review of the building consent system;
- 5        **agreed** to release the policy position statement alongside the discussion document;
- 6        **authorised** the Minister for Building and Construction to make minor amendments and refinements to the discussion document and policy position statement before they are released;
- 7        **noted** that the discussion document and policy position statement will be released on or about 5 July 2022;
- 8        **invited** the Minister for Building and Construction to report back to DEV Confidential advice to Government with a further discussion document on options for system change. Confidential advice to

Janine Harvey  
Committee Secretary

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**Present: (see over)**

**Present:**

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Michael Wood  
Hon Kiri Allan  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan  
Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Hon Kieran McAnulty  
Hon Phil Twyford  
Rino Tirikatene, MP  
Dr Deborah Russell, MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for DEV