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Purpose

To update you on:

- The process and potential timeline through to enactment of the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Bill (the Bill), and
- The two-year transition period following enactment, Confidential advice to Government

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

- Note** the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Bill is set to be introduced the week beginning 22 August 2022 and will become available for First Reading shortly after that

Noted

- Note** the indicative timeline officials are working towards is for the Bill to be passed in the middle of 2023 and Regulations to be in force by the end of 2023, but this is subject to Parliamentary processes

Noted

- Confidential advice to Government

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Background

1. We understand the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Bill (the Bill) will likely be introduced in the week beginning 22 August 2022.
2. If it is introduced on Monday 22 August 2022, it will become available for First Reading on 25 August 2022. If it is introduced on a sitting day that week (23 – 25 August), it will become available for First Reading 1 September 2022.
3. Officials are working towards an indicative timeline (outlined below) and Confidential advice to Government

Process through to enactment

4. This section outlines the legislative timeline through to enactment that officials are currently working towards and highlights the key assumptions and risks that underpin this timeline.

Legislative timeline

5. The key milestones and indicative timeline for the Bill are outlined in the table below:

Bill Introduction to House	Week beginning 22 August 2022
First Reading Debate and referral to Select Committee	25 August or 1 September 2022
Select Committee submissions open	End of week beginning 5 September 2022
Select Committee submissions close	End of week beginning 17 October 2022
Select Committee reports to the House	Mid-April 2023
Second Reading	Late-April 2023
Committee of the Whole House	Early May 2023
Royal Assent	Late May 2023
Regulations in force	Late November 2023 (six months after Royal Assent as stipulated in the Bill)

Key assumptions and risks

6. This timeline is contingent on Parliamentary processes and may be impacted by the Government's legislative priorities.
7. The Bill stipulates that Regulations will come into force 6 months after the Bill is enacted. If Royal Assent is received later than planned there is a risk the Regulations will not be in force for at least some of the 2023 summer.
8. This timeline assumes a standard 6 month Select Committee process and accounts for the break over the Christmas period. A duration of 4 - 6 months is possible. Any shorter duration will trigger a debate in the House.

What happens upon enactment?

9. When the Bill receives Royal Assent a number of key features of the new regulatory system will come into force immediately.
10. Importantly, the requirement that freedom campers who are staying on local authority land do so in self-contained vehicles unless staying on land designated a suitable for non-self-contained vehicles comes into force. This will change from the current default position where freedom campers can stay on local authority land in non-self-contained vehicles unless there is a bylaw in place.
11. Vehicles will also need to have a fixed toilet to be certified as self-contained (though existing certifications remain valid for up to 2 years).
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What happens during the two-year transition period?

13. Following enactment, the Bill currently provides for a two-year transition period. For greater detail on the transition period see the table at **Annex One**.
14. In general, the transition period allows for the operationalisation of the new self-containment certification system administered by the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board (PGDB). It also allows time for the public to transition to the new self-containment system (particularly for those who currently have vehicles certified as self-contained under the current system).
15. During public consultation in 2021, there was broad support for a transition period, however the specific nature of the transition period differed widely. Submitters highlighted that a transition period was needed to, for example, allow Councils to implement the new system and not unduly disadvantage existing freedom campers with vehicles certified as self-contained under the current voluntary standard.

6 months after enactment

16. The new infringement fee amounts as set out in Regulations come into effect.
17. There are three key features of the new self-containment certification system that come in effect:
 - a. Certification can be done by either existing issuing authorities (under the old standard) or new issuing authorities (under the rules in the Regulations)
 - b. Issuing authorities can apply to the Plumbers, Gasfitter and Drainlayers Board
 - c. The register of self-contained vehicles becomes operational.

6 – 24 months after enactment

18. Over the final 18 months of the transition period the old self-certification standard (blue sticker) is slowly phased out in favour of the new self-certification process (for further detail seen **Annex One**).

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Commercial Information

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Next steps

23. Confidential advice to Government

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Annex One: 2-year transition period

See separate attachment

