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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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National Space Policy

Portfolio **Economic Development**

On 29 March 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **agreed** that the National Space Policy, attached as Appendix One to the submission under DEV-23-SUB-0034, be finalised for release in quarter two of 2023, including any technical amendments, by the Minister for Economic Development;
- 2 **noted** that the feedback from the Space Policy Review public consultation was used to inform the development of the National Space Policy;
- 3 **noted** that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment website will provide ongoing supplementary information to the National Space Policy;
- 4 **noted** that separate workstreams will be prioritised to address consultation feedback on national interest regulatory processes, environmental protection, engagement with Māori, considering independent advisory functions, and providing ongoing public communications on space;
- 5 **agreed** that there will be no blanket ban on permitting payloads with national security applications under the Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017;
- 6 **noted** that national interest considerations, with respect to payload permitting under the Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017, will continue to be considered on a case-by-case basis;
- 7 **noted** that officials will commence a workstream that implements the National Space Policy objective of “clarifying what space activities are inconsistent with New Zealand’s national interest”, including through applying the National Space Policy values and objectives to existing regulatory processes;
- 8 **noted** that the timing for regulatory amendments or legislative amendments to the Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017 are contingent on the completion of policy workstreams arising from Space Policy Review feedback.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon David Parker
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Hon Ginny Andersen
Hon Dr Duncan Webb
Hon Rino Tirikatene
Hon Dr Deborah Russell

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment