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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Te Ara Paerangi - Future Pathways: National Research Priorities

Portfolio **Research, Science and Innovation**

On 3 May 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that on 23 November 2022, DEV:
 - 1.1 agreed to Te Ara Paerangi – Future Pathways being the pathway by which to achieve the significant additional government investment that will be needed to realise the government’s goal of overall research and development expenditure of two percent of GDP by 2030;
 - 1.2 agreed to anchor policy development for, and implementation of, Te Ara Paerangi – Future Pathways around three phases:
 - 1.2.1 Phase 1: immediate workforce and people support – to be delivered in 2023;
 - 1.2.2 Phase 2: National Research Priorities (NRPs) – delivered from 2023 onwards;
 - 1.2.3 Phase 3: institutional change (where required) – delivered from 2024 onwards;
 - 1.3 agreed in principle, subject to detailed policy proposals being brought to Cabinet, to establish a process for determining NRPs to align resources and focus collective activities on areas of most importance to Aotearoa New Zealand’s economic, social and environmental wellbeing;
 - 1.4 invited the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation to bring detailed policy proposals on a process to determine NRPs, including options for funding, to Cabinet in the second quarter of 2023;

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- 2 **agreed** to establish NRPs;
- 3 **noted** that the NRPs will be transformative, enduring and focused on impact delivery to make a material shift towards the achievement of the most important social, environmental, health and economic outcomes for Aotearoa New Zealand;
- 4 **noted** that some NRPs will be Māori-focused and Māori-led;

- 5 **agreed** that an Independent Strategic Panel will recommend a portfolio of NRPs to the government;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation to appoint members of the Independent Strategic Panel, in consultation with relevant Ministers, subject to the normal appointment processes;
- 7 **directed** officials to conduct targeted engagement to inform the recommendations of the Independent Strategic Panel;
- 8 **noted** that government agencies will have the opportunity to provide input as research funders and users into the Independent Strategic Panel's considerations;
- 9 **noted** that Cabinet decisions on NRPs will be sought in the fourth quarter of 2023;

Funding

- 10 **noted** that NSC contracts expire on 30 June 2024;

11 Confidential advice to Government

- 12 **noted** that additional funding will be required in future years for NRPs to reach the scale required to achieve meaningful impact;

13 Free and frank opinions

- 14 **noted** that the implementation of NRPs will be phased in

Free and frank opinions

- 15 **noted** that the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation will keep Ministers informed on progress on identifying NRPs.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Dr Megan Woods (Chair)
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon David Parker
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Ginny Andersen
Hon Barbara Edmonds
Hon Dr Duncan Webb
Hon Dr Deborah Russell
Hon Rachel Brooking
Jo Luxton, MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV