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List of documents that have been proactively released		
Date	Title	Author
May 2023	Agritech Industry Transformation Plan: Approving the Horticulture Technology Catalyst	Offices of the Ministers for Economic Development and Agriculture
May 2023	Appendix One: Strategic and Operational Overview of the Horticulture Technology Catalyst	MBIE
February 2023	Appendix Two: Horticulture Technology Catalyst Detailed Business Case	MBIE and MPI
31 May 2023	Agritech Industry Transformation Plan: Approving the Horticulture Technology Catalyst DEV-23-MIN-0092 Minute	Cabinet Office

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Agritech Industry Transformation Plan: Approving the Horticulture Technology Catalyst

Portfolios **Agriculture / Economic Development**

On 31 May 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that on 24 June 2020, DEV approved the launch of the Agritech Industry Transformation Plan [DEV-20-MIN-0110], which aims to scale up the value of New Zealand’s agritech sector to aid the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 2 **noted** that on 7 December 2022, DEV agreed to the release of a refreshed Agritech Industry Transformation Plan for public consultation [DEV-22-MIN-0295], which:
 - 2.1 seeks to continue to accelerate the success of the sector and grow its contribution to the New Zealand economy to \$8 billion by 2030;
 - 2.2 maintains as a priority action the establishment of a Horticulture Technology Catalyst, which aims to position New Zealand as a leader in horticulture technology to meet the needs of the horticulture sector in New Zealand and globally;
- 3 **noted** that on 13 April 2022, DEV:
 - 3.1 noted that the horticulture technology sector has significant potential for exports and benefits to New Zealand’s horticulture sector;
 - 3.2 noted that the indicative business case for the Horticulture Technology Catalyst sets out the strong value the initiative could deliver for New Zealand, including increasing New Zealand’s GDP by approximately \$141.0 million to \$347.1 million by 2035;
 - 3.3 endorsed an indicative business case for the Horticulture Technology Catalyst, and directed officials to develop a detailed business case for the Catalyst;

[DEV-22-MIN-0083]
- 4 **noted** that through the development of the Horticulture Technology Catalyst’s detailed business case, refinements have been made to its delivery arrangements, costings, and proposed service scope, which will ensure the initiative’s successful delivery;

- 5 **noted** that funding for the Horticulture Technology Catalyst has been approved through Budget 2023, which includes \$29.9 million over four years for its establishment and \$8.15 million per outyear to ensure stable and enduring funding for the initiative's ongoing success;
- 6 **approved** the detailed business case to establish the Horticulture Technology Catalyst, attached as Appendix Two to the paper under DEV-23-SUB-0092;
- 7 **noted** that the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister for Economic Development will direct officials to engage with strategic service providers to establish the Horticulture Technology Catalyst and its operations from July 2023, with full operation expected from 2024;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister for Economic Development to take any necessary decisions during the implementation and establishment of the Horticulture Technology Catalyst, consulting with other relevant Ministers as appropriate.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon David Parker
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Hon Barbara Edmonds
Hon Dr Duncan Webb
Hon Rino Tirikatene
Hon Dr Deborah Russell
Hon Rachel Brooking
Hon Jo Luxton

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV