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Minister	Hon Dr Megan Woods	Portfolio	Building and Construction
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List of documents that have been proactively released		
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31 May 2023	Building Consent System Review: Release of Options Paper DEV-23-MIN-0090 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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

- 1 **noted** that:
 - 1.1 on 29 June 2022, DEV agreed to the release of a policy position statement and issues discussion document relating to the review of the building consent system, and invited the Minister for Building and Construction to report back with a further discussion document on options for system change [DEV-22-MIN-0155];
 - 1.2 following public consultation on the issues discussion document in 2022, a set of potential options for system change has been developed;
- 2 **agreed** to the release of the options paper *Building Consent System Review: Options Paper* (the Options Paper), attached to the submission under DEV-23-SUB-0090, for public consultation;
- 3 **noted** that as part of the government response to the Commerce Commission's market study on residential building supplies, the review of the building consent system will consider options to take forward some of the Commerce Commission's recommendations;
- 4 **agreed** to release the final policy position statement *Risk, Liability and Insurance in the Building Sector* (the Policy Position Statement), attached to the submission under DEV-23-SUB-0090, at the same time as the Options Paper, to clarify the government's position on the risk, liability and insurance settings for the building and construction industry;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister for Building and Construction to make minor and technical amendments and editorial changes to the Options Paper and Policy Position Statement before they are released;
- 6 **noted** that the Minister for Building and Construction intends to release the Options Paper on or soon after 7 June 2023;
- 7 **directed** the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, in consultation with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the Treasury, to analyse how options for reforming the system can improve productivity and affordability;

- 8 **invited** the Minister for Building and Construction to report back to DEV in on the outcomes from the consultation and with policy proposals to reform the building consent system, some of which may require further consultation.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
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:

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