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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Use of the 24-30 GHz Radio Spectrum for Satellite and Mobile Services

Portfolio **Digital Economy and Communications**

On 19 July 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that there are competing industry interests in the 24 – 30 GHz radio spectrum;
- 2 **agreed** to the following high-level spectrum allocations:
 - 2.1 24.25 – 27.5 GHz to be primarily allocated for mobile use, with the option to include some satellite services in some areas under technical conditions;
 - 2.2 27.5 – 28.35 GHz to follow a sharing model between mobile and satellite services;
 - 2.3 28.35 - 29.5 GHz to be primarily allocated for satellite services, with the option to include some mobile use under technical conditions;
- 3 **noted** that a work programme, including technical design work, industry consultation, engagement with Māori, and allocation and regulatory design, will occur in the coming years, with a view to making this spectrum available to the market in May 2026;
- 4 **invited** the Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications to report back once technical work has progressed and ahead of any further public consultation;
- 5 **noted** that in the interim, temporary administrative licences will be made available for some satellite operators through the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, while further work on long-term allocations is underway;
- 6 **noted** that, given the technical nature of this decision, officials will communicate it directly to relevant parties and publish it using existing radio spectrum communications channels (such as the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment’s website).

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present (see over)

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Hon Ginny Anderson
Hon Barbara Edmonds
Hon Rino Tirikatene
Hon Rachel Brooking

Officials present from:

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