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YES / NO

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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On 1 August 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Building (Earthquake-prone Building Deadlines and Other Matters) Amendment Bill (the Bill) holds a Category ^{Confidential advice to Government} priority on the 2024 Legislation Programme (**Confidential advice to Government**);
- 2 **noted** that the Bill will:
 - 2.1 extend earthquake-prone building remediation deadlines by four years and provide for an additional extension of earthquake-prone building remediation deadlines by up to two years by Order in Council;
 - 2.2 clarify the obligations of independently qualified persons, introduce an associated offence and increase infringement fees for building owners; and
 - 2.3 make other minor and technical amendments to the Building Act 2004;
- 3 **noted** that the Bill sets limitations on the power to further extend deadlines by Order in Council, including that it may be used only once, to extend deadlines for a period of up to two years, and will be repealed on 2 April 2028;
- 4 **noted** that, in addition to the limitations in the Bill, the power would be subject to the usual safeguards for secondary legislation that apply under the Legislation Act 2019, including that the Order in Council may be disallowed by the House of Representatives;
- 5 **approved** the Building (Earthquake-prone Building Deadlines and Other Matters) Amendment Bill [PCO 24177/6.0] for introduction, subject to the final approval of the government caucuses and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 6 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced on a date to be approved by the Leader of the House;

7 **agreed** that the Government propose that the Bill be:

7.1 referred to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee;

7.2 enacted by Confidential advice to Government.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Andrew Bayly
Scott Simpson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP
Todd Stephenson, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG
Prime Minister's Office