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<b>Minister</b>	Hon Simeon Brown	<b>Portfolio</b>	Energy
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### List of documents that have been proactively released

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September 2024	Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Amendment Regulations 2024	Office of the Minister for Energy
12 September 2024	Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Amendment Regulations 2024 LEG-24-MIN-0178 Minute	Cabinet Office

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# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Amendment Regulations 2024

**Portfolio**                      **Energy**

On 12 September 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that in May 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee agreed to require Growth Limit Zones (GLZ) to be “clear-to-the-sky” and to extend the notice zone in the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003 for vegetation that risks encroaching GLZ by one metre [ECO-24-MIN-0071];
- 2        **agreed** to exclude low voltage lines (11kV and below) that have spans of less than or equal to 150 metres from the “clear-to-the-sky” extension of GLZ;
- 3        **agreed** to exclude aerial bundled conductors and other insulated conductors of any voltage that have spans of less than or equal to 150 metres from the “clear to the sky” extension of GLZ;
- 4        **agreed** that trees protected under a district plan be excluded from the “clear-to-the-sky” extension of GLZ;
- 5        **agreed** that the transition period for the “clear-to-the-sky” extension to GLZ should be 2 years;
- 6        **noted** that the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Amendment Regulations 2024 will give effect to the decisions above;
- 7        **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Amendment Regulations 2024 [PCO 26477/7.0];
- 8        **noted** that the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Amendment Regulations 2024 come into force on 17 October 2024.

Tom Kelly  
Committee Secretary

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**Attendance: (See over)**

**Present:**

Hon Simeon Brown (Chair)  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Casey Costello  
Hon Nicole McKee  
Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Penny Simmonds  
Hon Andrew Bayly  
Hon Scott Simpson, MP  
Jamie Arbuckle, MP  
Todd Stephenson, MP

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for LEG  
Prime Minister's Office