



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Chris Penk	<b>Portfolio</b>	Building and Construction
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Releasing the Discussion Document <i>'Improving efficiency in the inspection process: Increasing the use of remote inspections and Accredited Organisations'</i>	<b>Date to be published</b>	6 November 2024

<b>List of documents that have been proactively released</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
September 2024	Releasing the Discussion Document <i>'Improving efficiency in the inspection process: Increasing the use of remote inspections and Accredited Organisations'</i>	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
11 September 2024	Improving Efficiency in the Inspection Process: Release of Discussion Document ECO-24-MIN-0188 Minute	Cabinet Office

### **Information redacted**

**YES**

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Some information has been withheld for the reasons of confidential advice to government and constitutional conventions.



# Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Improving Efficiency in the Inspection Process: Release of Discussion Document

**Portfolio**                      **Building and Construction**

On 11 September 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

- 1        **noted** that in May 2024, ECO agreed to the development of a discussion document on increasing the uptake of remote inspections, including options to require building consent authorities to use remote inspections as the default approach to conducting inspections [ECO-24-MIN-0085];
- 2        **agreed** to release the discussion document *Improving efficiency in the inspection process: Increasing the use of remote inspections and Accredited Organisations* (the discussion document), attached under ECO-24-SUB-0188, for public consultation;
- 3        **authorised** the Minister for Building and Construction to approve the final release date of the discussion document and to make minor and technical amendments, and editorial changes to the discussion document before it is released;
- 4        **noted** that the Minister for Building and Construction intends to issue a press release to announce the publication of the discussion document on or soon after 23 September 2024;

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- 6        **noted** that analysis of options will consider the economic rationale and fiscal implications, including with respect to changes in liability.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present: (see over)**

**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon David Seymour  
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)  
Hon Chris Bishop  
Hon Erica Stanford  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Tama Potaka  
Hon Matt Doocey  
Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Casey Costello  
Hon Melissa Lee  
Hon Penny Simmonds  
Hon Chris Penk  
Hon Nicola Grigg  
Hon Andrew Bayly  
Hon Andrew Hoggard  
Hon Mark Patterson  
Simon Court MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for ECO