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Minister	Hon Kris Faafoi	Portfolio	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
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List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
1 May 2019	<i>Enhancing New Zealand's Conformance System</i>	<i>Office of the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs</i>
6 May 2019	<i>DEV-19-MIN-0092</i>	<i>Cabinet Office</i>

Information redacted

No information has been redacted.



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Enhancing the Conformance System

Portfolio Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 1 May 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that the conformance system (the system) supports commerce and protects communities by providing assessments that give independent assurances about the quality of goods, services, systems and personnel;
- 2 **noted** that a recent Conformance Policy and Infrastructure Review, which was undertaken in consultation with relevant businesses, organisations and agencies, found that the system is sound overall but identified a set of actions to enhance the system and mitigate risks to commerce and community protection;
- 3 **agreed** to the Conformance System Strategy (the Strategy), as outlined in the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0092, as the vehicle for communicating and coordinating action to enhance the system;
- 4 **agreed** that the Strategy target four priority focus areas, based on the main challenges and opportunities in conformance:
 - 4.1 organisational performance and governance;
 - 4.2 regulatory quality and practice;
 - 4.3 partnerships for skills and value;
 - 4.4 international trade connections;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to approve any editorial changes to the Strategy, prior to its publication, to improve readability and accessibility for the public;
- 6 **invited** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to evaluate the Strategy and report back to DEV at its conclusion after three years.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon James Shaw
Hon Eugenie Sage

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