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25 September 2019	<i>Lifting the Efficiency and quality of the building system: Proposals for Bill One</i>	<i>Office of Hon Jenny Salesa</i>
30 September 2019	<i>CAB-19-MIN-0507</i>	<i>Cabinet Office</i>
30 September 2019	<i>CAB-19-MIN-0508</i>	<i>Cabinet Office</i>
25 September	<i>Regulatory Impact Statement: Building System Legislative Reform Programme (Phase 1)</i>	<i>Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment</i>

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YES

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Lifting the Efficiency and Quality of the Building System: Overview (Paper A)

Portfolio **Building and Construction**

On 30 September 2019, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV), Cabinet:

The Minister for Building and Construction recommends that Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that on 15 April 2019, Cabinet agreed to the release of a discussion paper on proposed changes to the building regulatory system [CAB-19-MIN-0166];
- 2 **noted** that on 31 July 2019, DEV noted that the Minister for Building and Construction proposes to split the legislative reform programme into two phases, and that further work will be undertaken on whether, and how, to progress changes to the risk, insurance and liability settings [DEV-19-MIN-0198];
- 3 **agreed** that the legislative reform programme be split into two phases and that further work be undertaken on the risk, insurance and liability settings;
- 4 **noted** that the overall objective of the legislative reform programme is to lift the efficiency and quality of building work and provide fairer outcomes if things do go wrong;
- 5 **noted** that there was broad support through the public consultation for most of the proposals, and that submitters favoured a logical and sequential change process;
- 6 **noted** that the associated paper on *Lifting the Efficiency and Quality of the Building System: Proposals for Bill One* (Paper B), under CAB-19-SUB-0508, seeks policy decisions for Bill One, which will:
 - 6.1 include amendments relating to building products and methods, product certification, the building levy, offences and penalties, and public notification;
 - 6.2 introduce a specialist framework for modern methods of construction;
- 7 **noted** that Confidential advice to Government the Minister for Building and Construction (the Minister) intends to seek Cabinet agreement to policy decisions for Bill Two of the legislative reform programme, which will focus on amendments relating to the occupational regulation regimes;

- 8 **directed** the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, in consultation with other agencies as appropriate, to:
- 8.1 undertake further work on matters relating to the building consenting system, and to report back to DEV;
 - 8.2 investigate and report back to DEV on whether the building levy can be used for compliance, enforcement and prosecution purposes;
- 9 **invited** the Minister to provide an oral update to Cabinet as soon as practicable on the product certification proposals and their alignment with Australia's standards.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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