



## COVERSHEET

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# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### The Milford Opportunities Project

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On 19 June 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1        **noted** that stage one of the Milford Opportunities Project has developed concepts to address the pressures that conservation, national park values, safety and the visitor experience is coming under on the Milford corridor and at Milford Sound *Piopirotahi* due to increasing visitor numbers;
- 2        **noted** that stage two of the Milford Opportunities Project will include options assessments and an agreed Master Plan Confidential advice to Government
- 3        **noted** that no recommendations will be made by the Governance Group of the Milford Opportunities Project on the results of stage two until Ministers have been fully consulted;
- 4        **agreed** that the Milford Opportunities Project advance to stage two to develop a Master Plan to improve future management and protection of the Milford corridor and at Milford Sound *Piopirotahi* while recognising and protecting national park values;
- 5        **noted** that:
  - 5.1      there will be funding requirements for the next phase of work, which will take 18 months to complete;
  - 5.2      the Southland District Council is working with officials on a funding pathway;
- 6        **invited** the Minister of Tourism and the Minister of Conservation to report back to DEV with the draft Master Plan by December 2020.

Janine Harvey  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Julie Anne Genter  
Hon Eugenie Sage

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