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List of documents that have been proactively released		
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September 2019	New Zealand's Research, Science and Innovation Strategy: Draft for consultation – September 2019	Office of the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation
18 September 2019	DEV-19-MIN-0246: Draft Research, Science and Innovation Strategy: Release for Public Consultation	Cabinet Office

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Draft Research, Science and Innovation Strategy: Release for Public Consultation

Portfolio **Research, Science and Innovation**

On 18 September 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that Research, Science and Innovation (RSI) are a key means by which to achieve the government's priorities, including increased wellbeing, transitioning to a zero carbon economy, and building a modern economy;
- 2 **noted** that New Zealand's current national investments in RSI are low by international standards;
- 3 **noted** that the government has committed to raising total expenditure on RSI to two percent of GDP by 2027, to bring New Zealand closer to global averages;
- 4 **noted** that investment in RSI has seen recent strong growth across all sectors, public and private, but that more is required to get close to the above target;
- 5 **noted** that the levels of innovation need to increase alongside the levels of research, both in the public and the private sector;
- 6 **noted** that on 12 September 2018, DEV agreed to the scope and framework of a RSI strategy as a basis for targeted consultation, and invited the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation to report back with a final strategy for approval [DEV-18-MIN-0185];
- 7 **noted** that the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation has developed a draft strategy, *Kei Mua te Ao*, attached as Annex One to the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0246, which the Minister proposes to release for public consultation;
- 8 **noted** that the draft strategy consists of the following key elements:
 - 8.1 an ambition to focus the government's efforts in the RSI portfolio at the global frontier of knowledge and innovation;
 - 8.2 a focus on improving connections as the key organising challenge for the research and innovation system;

- 8.3 five areas for action to support progress in the portfolio:
- 8.3.1 making New Zealand a magnet for talent;
 - 8.3.2 connecting research and innovation;
 - 8.3.3 extending support for innovative start-up firms, and scaling up activities in key focus areas;
 - 8.3.4 extending the government's ambition for Māori engagement with RSI, by building on the Vision Mātauranga policy;
 - 8.3.5 ensuring the research institutions and infrastructure are working well and are fit-for-purpose;
- 9 **noted** that building scale and depth in areas of focus is an important goal for the RSI portfolio;
- 10 **noted** that the Minister for Research, Science and Innovation proposes to consult on building depth in areas that are complementary to the sectors outlined in the government's Industry Strategy, *From the Knowledge Wave to the Digital Age*, and speak to a range of cross-government goals, including those outlined in the government's Economic Strategy;
- 11 **agreed** to the release of the draft strategy, and the questions for consultation attached at Annex Two to the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0246, for public consultation, subject to any minor or editorial changes that may be authorised by the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation before release;
- 12 **invited** the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation to report back to DEV with a final strategy for approval following the consultation.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods (Chair)
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Ron Mark
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