

- 9.2 further requirements for measurement over the minimum standards specified by the regulations;
- 10 **agreed** that the regulations include a transitional period for existing qualifying consents to comply with the regulations, as follows:
- 10.1 takes of 20 litres per second or greater: within 2 years;
- 10.2 takes of greater than 10 litres per second and less than 20 litres per second: within 4 years;
- 10.3 takes of 5 litres per second or greater, up to 10 litres per second: within 6 years;
- 10.4 new consents, reviewed consents, or replacement consents: required to comply from the date of the granting of the consent;
- 11 **noted** that consultation was undertaken on the proposed policy intent during the development of the national environmental standard proposal, and in accordance with the requirements of the RMA;

### Next steps

- 12 **invited** the Minister for the Environment to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office for regulations under section 360(1)(d) of the RMA, to give effect to the minimum requirements listed above, and for any consequential savings or transitional provisions that may be necessary;
- 13 13.1 **authorised** the Minister for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture to approve the final details of the proposed exemptions, and any other technical changes that may be required to give effect to the policy set out in the paper under EGI (10) 66;
- 13.2 **noted** that any changes will be reported to the Cabinet Legislation Committee when approval of the regulations is sought;
- 14 **noted** that the Minister for the Environment intends to publicly release the paper under EGI (10) 66, including EGI's decisions, the Appendices, and the Regulatory Impact Statement.

Janine Harvey  
Committee Secretary

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