



Cabinet Legislation Committee

LEG Min (10) 19/2

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Minute of Decision

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Resource Management (Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes) Regulations 2010

Portfolio: Environment

On 19 August 2010, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in April 2010, the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee:
 - 1.1 agreed that regulations be made under section 360(1)(d) of the Resource Management Act 1991, in place of regulations made under section 43 (a national environmental standard), to ensure consistent, accurate, and complete measuring of the water takes across New Zealand;
 - 1.2 agreed that the regulations require the holders of all water take consents (and deemed permits) for the taking of five litres per second or more to collect and report records which meet certain specified minimum requirements;
 - 1.3 agreed that the regulations provide that the responsibility for recording and transferring data to the regional council rests with the consent holder, and that data is transferred to the regional council on at least an annual basis;
 - 1.4 agreed that the regulations include the ability for a regulatory authority to apply more stringent requirements on consent holders;
 - 1.5 agreed that the regulations include a transitional period for existing qualifying consents of between two to six years to comply with the regulations;
 - 1.6 authorised the Minister for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture (joint Ministers) to approve the final details of the proposed exemptions, and any other technical changes that may be required to give effect to the policy;

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- 2 **noted** that the joint Ministers have approved the scope for the application of the regulations, and a number of minor technical changes;
- 3 **noted** that the Resource Management (Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes) Regulations 2010 (the regulations) give effect to the decisions referred to above;

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- 4 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Resource Management (Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes) Regulations 2010 [PCO 14444/10.0];
- 5 **noted** that the regulations will come into force on 10 November 2010.



Sam Gleisner
Committee Secretary

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Hon Gerry Brownlee (Chair)
Hon Simon Power
Hon Christopher Finlayson
Hon Steven Joyce
Hon Kate Wilkinson
Hon Maurice Williamson
Hon Peter Dunne
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