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Sent: Friday, 29 November 2024 10:46 am
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Subject: RE: Classification Update on levy report-back Cabinet paper

Great – thx for the update :)

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Subject: RE: Classification Update on levy report-back Cabinet paper

Hi Ben,

We have been chasing up with our Minister's office fairly regularly – the latest we have heard is that, taking into account Minister Bishop's feedback, it probably would be best for the paper to go to a Cabinet Committee. We are keen for that to happen this year, just to get it off our plates but that might not end up being possible with the Minister's schedule/commitments. I will keep you posted as soon as I know. I have cc'd in my colleague Matt Ide to possibly share notes since he is also working on a comprehensive OIA that covers matters relating to the levy report-back.

On a related topic, we did finally get Cabinet agreement to a new waste strategy and overall work programme for the portfolio. We are talking with the office now about options for communicating that info publicly (probably not until the new year given how little of this year remains!)

Cheers

Steph

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Hi Steph – did this paper end up getting lodged? We are being asked for related advice under OIA.. Let me know if any objections to release. Happy to chat

Ben

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Thanks Caleb. I was going to suggest something along the following lines:

9(2)(f)(iv)

5 continue to use grants to administer waste investment funding

Or as you say, just remove that rec altogether (I am checking in with my colleagues in the investment space to see if they have a view also).

Also FYI – re the feedback on focusing on \$\$ per tonne of waste, we thought it would be useful to clarify in the paper why a range of considerations are included, as follows:

A range of other factors are important to consider alongside the cost per tonne to ensure projects focus on investment priorities, and also to enable feasibility and innovation projects to be funded. Such projects may not generate a short-term diversion of waste so would fare poorly when assessed on the basis of dollars per tonne but could lead to more cost-effective and higher value investments over time. Further, some waste streams are heavier than others. Focusing only on the cost per tonne of waste would tend to prioritise heavier waste streams, which would not reflect agreed Government priorities such as plastics (which tend to be light-weight).

Investing in feasibility studies for treated timber is a good example of this – it meets govt priorities to develop solutions to keep treated timber out of landfill (important from an emissions reduction perspective and to help address high quantities of construction and demolition waste) but the initial investment is unlikely to generate measurable results in terms of tonnes diverted.
Steph

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Thanks for the update Steph.

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I'm comfortable if you are planning to remove that recommendation from the paper, given B25 decisions will shape any next steps for the WMF.

Cheers,
Caleb.

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Thanks Steph, useful to see this feedback.

We provided an update on the work to our Minister's office last week but haven't heard any reactions yet.

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Hi guys,


I just wanted to give you a quick update on this Cabinet paper, which we had been intending to lodge today. I understand our Minister's office is discussing with the PM's office whether the paper needs to go to a Cabinet Committee, since it is viewed as being fairly procedural and isn't seeking substantive decisions. The alternative would be for it to go straight to Cabinet. We have encouraged the office to include the Minister for Regulation in those discussions since the report back is in consultation with him.

The only feedback I have seen from Ministerial/Coalition consultation is from Minister Bishop's office, which I have copied below for your information. If anyone has further intel on the stated position re loans I would be very interested to hear it.

I will keep you posted when I know more.

All the best
Steph

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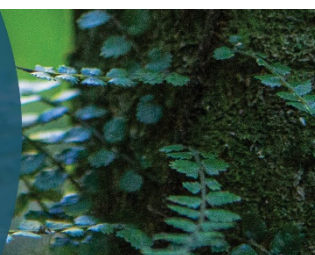
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