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Proposed Environmental Reporting Bill: Release of Discussion Document

Portfolio: Environment

On 10 August 2011, the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee (EGI):

- 1 **noted** that current legislation:
 - 1.1 does not require regular and independent state of the environment reporting;
 - 1.2 does not require local authorities to monitor the environment in a consistent way, thus making it difficult to produce a satisfactory national picture of the state of the environment;
- 2 **noted** that the discussion document on *Proposed Environmental Reporting Bill: Discussion Document* (the discussion document), attached to the paper under EGI (11) 154, seeks feedback on a proposed Environmental Reporting Bill aimed at improving national-level state of the environment reporting and the quality of some of the environmental statistics that underpin this reporting;
- 3 **agreed** to the release of the discussion document, subject to any minor and technical editorial changes that may be required;
- 4 **invited** the Minister for the Environment to report back to EGI by 31 March 2012 on the outcome of consultation and with recommendations for a proposed Environmental Reporting Bill.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Reference: EGI (11) 154

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