



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Resource Management Amendment Bill: Supplementary Order Papers

Portfolio Environment

On 16 June 2020, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

1 **noted** that on 13 May 2020, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

1.1 agreed to extend the deadline for notification of freshwater planning instruments from 31 December 2023 to 31 December 2024;

1.2 directed officials to collect and report information on annual usage of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser applied across New Zealand;

1.3 authorised the Minister for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture to make final policy decisions and drafting changes as needed;

[DEV-20-MIN-0077]

2 **noted** that, consistent with the authorisation in paragraph 1.3, the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister for the Environment have agreed that a regulation making power be included in a supplementary order paper (SOP) to enable the information referred to in paragraph 1.2 above to be collected and reported;

3 **noted** that on 27 May 2020, DEV agreed:

3.1 to retain the current commencement date for climate change amendments (31 December 2021), but to allow this to be extended by Order in Council, with a backstop deadline of 30 November 2022, if national direction is not on track to be in place in time;

3.2 that changes enacted by the COVID-19 (Further Management Measures) Legislation Act 2020 relating to the use of remote access facilities in RMA hearings and allowing certain documents to be made available for inspection electronically, be made permanent;

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4 **noted** that the Supplementary Order Papers are still subject to Parliamentary Counsel Office's quality assurance;

- 5 **approved** the release of the Supplementary Order Papers to the Resource Management Amendment Bill [PCO 21656-5/1.7 and PCO 21656-4/1.9], subject to any other minor changes that are required.

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Eugenie Sage

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for LEG

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