



# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Priority Products and Guidelines for Priority Product Stewardship: Release of Consultation Document

**Portfolio** Associate Environment (Hon Eugenie Sage)

On 24 July 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that more action is needed by the government in order to progress the transition towards a low emissions circular economy and reduce waste to landfill;
- 2 **noted** that product design and management is a significant step in protecting New Zealand's finite resources for future generations;
- 3 **noted** that:
  - 3.1 product stewardship has thus far been voluntary, and that while this produces some benefits, it does not create significant waste minimisation or reduction in risk of harm;
  - 3.2 most voluntary schemes, accredited or not, have participation issues, so that only small volumes are recovered for reuse or collected for safe disposal;
- 4 **noted** that to level the playing field and create a significant shift to a circular economy approach to product design and management, it is proposed that consultation be undertaken on:
  - 4.1 the declaration of six priority products:
    - 4.1.1 packaging (beverage containers and plastic packaging);
    - 4.1.2 tyres;
    - 4.1.3 electrical and electronic products;
    - 4.1.4 refrigerants and other synthetic greenhouse gases;
    - 4.1.5 agrichemicals and their containers;
    - 4.1.6 farm plastics;
  - 4.2 Ministerial guidelines for priority product stewardship schemes;

- 5 **approved** the release of the consultation document *Proposed Priority Products and Product Stewardship Guidelines* (the consultation document), attached to the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0195, subject to any minor or editorial changes that may be required;
- 6 **invited** the Associate Minister for the Environment (Hon Eugenie Sage) to report back to Cabinet on the outcomes of the consultation;
- 7 **noted** that this consultation will be the first stage of regulated product stewardship, with the purpose of sending signals to business and ensuring adequate measures are in place to achieve high quality schemes.

Janine Harvey  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon Phil Twyford  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway  
Hon Jenny Salesa  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon James Shaw  
Hon Eugenie Sage

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for DEV

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Associate Minister for the Environment (Hon Eugenie Sage)

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