



Cabinet Policy Committee

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Minute of Decision

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Climate Change: Directions for Public Education

On 13 June 2001 the Cabinet Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** the results of the attitudinal survey, which identified awareness, knowledge and level of concern about climate change to varying degrees by the public and key sector groups, as reported in the submission attached to POL (01) 127;
- 2 **noted** that a summary report on climate change impacts in New Zealand, currently being prepared by officials, will allow the creation of more targeted communications materials;
- 3 **noted** that opportunities for education and awareness raising on climate change issues are being taken as they arise with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority and other groups;
- 4 **noted** the role of the ClimateWise newsletter in providing information on climate change;
- 5 **noted** that the Ministry for the Environment is carrying out a stocktake of public education activities in the area of climate change to be followed by a scoping study, with a view to enhanced public education programmes in 2002/03;
- 6 **noted** that the financial implications of a targeted education strategy will be considered in the 2002 Budget processes, and will be elaborated in a future Cabinet paper that would seek agreement to this proposed strategy.

Sarah Egan
Secretary

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Present:

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