



Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

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Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996: Reclassifying Two Organisms as Not New

Portfolio Environment

On 11 August 2022, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO Act) enables “new” organisms to be reclassified as “not new” by Order in Council;
- 2 **agreed** that the HSNO Act controls for the two organisms specified below are not appropriate because the organisms have established self-sustaining populations in New Zealand which no-one is attempting to control, manage or eradicate;
- 3 **noted** that reclassifying these organisms as “not new” will provide benefits by enabling further research and reducing any barriers to trade;
- 4 **agreed** that the following organisms be reclassified as “not new” under the HSNO Act, by amending the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Organisms Prescribed as Not New Organisms) Regulations 2009:
 - 4.1 the beetle *Paropsisterna cloelia*;
 - 4.2 the bacterium *Paenibacillus alvei*;
- 5 **invited** the Minister for the Environment to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above proposal.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon David Parker (Chair)
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Willie Jackson

Officials present from:
Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for ENV