



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Waste Minimisation Regulations

Portfolio **Environment**

On 8 April 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Associate Minister for the Environment
 - 1.1 obtained and considered the advice of the Waste Advisory Board
 - 1.2 is satisfied adequate consultation took place with those that may be significantly affected by the regulations
 - 1.3 considered the costs and benefits of the regulations in accordance with sections 42(2) and 86(2) of the Act
 - 1.4 consulted with the Government Statistician as required by section 86(3)
- 2 **noted** that in June 2020, Cabinet agreed to increase and expand the waste disposal levy, and to require operators of landfills to keep and provide information that is required to collect the levy and to measure progress with waste management and minimisation [CAB-20-MIN-0264.01];
- 3 **noted** that the Waste Minimisation (Calculation and Payment of Waste Disposal Levy) Amendment Regulations 2021 and the Waste Minimisation (Information Requirements) Regulations 2021:
 - 3.1 prescribe additional classes of landfills as disposal facilities and prescribe the rates (excluding GST) that will apply for each landfill class (per tonne of waste) and the dates on which these rates will take effect;
 - 3.2 require levied sites to start reporting data on waste disposed of 6 months before the levy takes effect – construction and demolition sites will start reporting data from 1 January 2022, and managed and controlled fill sites will start reporting data from 1 January 2023;
 - 3.3 require operators of industrial monofills (class 1) and cleanfills (class 5) to keep and provide to the Secretary information on the tonnage of waste disposed of at and diverted from the sites on a quarterly basis commencing from 1 January 2023;

- 3.4 require operators of transfer stations to keep and provide to the Secretary information on the tonnage of waste received at the transfer station, the tonnage of waste sent from the transfer station to a landfill for disposal, and the tonnage of waste diverted, commencing from 1 January 2022;
- 3.5 require operators of sites to keep and provide to the Secretary, their contact details and landfill classification commencing 1 July 2022;
- 4 **noted** that the Waste Minimisation (Calculation and Payment of Waste Disposal Levy) Amendment Regulations 2021 and the Waste Minimisation (Information Requirements) Regulations 2021 give effect to the decisions referred to in paragraph 2 above;
- 5 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the:
- 5.1 Waste Minimisation (Calculation and Payment of Waste Disposal Levy) Amendment Regulations 2021 [PCO 23306/8.0];
- 5.2 Waste Minimisation (Information Requirements) Regulations 2021 [PCO 23416/8.0];
- 6 **noted** that the Waste Minimisation (Calculation and Payment of Waste Disposal Levy) Amendment Regulations 2021 and the Waste Minimisation (Information Requirements) Regulations 2021 come into force on 13 May 2021.

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for LEG

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