



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Freshwater Farm Plan Regulations and Stock Exclusion Regulations: Release of Discussion Documents

Portfolios Environment / Agriculture

On 12 July 2021, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV), Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the document *Freshwater Farm Plan Regulations: Discussion Document*, attached as Appendix 1 to the paper under CAB-21-SUB-0270, seeks feedback on options for freshwater farm plan regulations under Part 9A of the Resource Management Act 1991;
- 2 **noted** that the document *Stock Exclusion Regulations: Proposed Changes to the Low Slope Map: Discussion Document*, attached as Appendix 2 to the paper under CAB-21-SUB-0270, seeks feedback on proposed changes to the map of low slope land referred to in the Resource Management (Stock Exclusion) Regulations 2020;
- 3 **approved** the release of the two discussion documents referred to above for public consultation;
- 4 **authorised** the Minister for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture, in consultation with other Ministers as appropriate, to make minor textual, editorial, design and technical changes to the two discussion documents referred to above, before their release;
- 5 **noted** that the offices of the Minister for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture will develop a joint communications and engagement plan with input from officials, including media statements, questions and answers, and protocols for handling any media enquiries;
- 6 **noted** that public consultation will take place for seven weeks, from 26 July and ending on 12 September 2021;
- 7 **invited** the Minister for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture to report back to DEV on the outcome of the consultation and with final policy proposals:
 - 7.1 on freshwater farm plans regulations ahead of their implementation in the first half of 2022;
 - 7.2 on changes to the low slope map for stock exclusion regulations after the consultation concludes.

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Secretary of the Cabinet