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Advisory Group on Green Growth Initiatives


Portfolio: Economic Development / Environment

On 25 January 2011, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that, in line with the work being undertaken by the OECD, "green growth" has been identified as a potential opportunity for future economic growth;
- 2 **noted** the potential for leverage from New Zealand's existing clean green image to assist growth in the export sector;
- 3 **agreed** to the establishment of an Advisory Group to evaluate and advise on the three work areas outlined in paragraph 7 below;
- 4 **noted** the intention of the Minister for Economic Development and the Minister for the Environment to appoint the following individuals to the Advisory Group for a term commencing on the date of appointment and expiring when the Advisory Group report is submitted (expected to be by the end of December 2011):
 - 4.1 Phil O'REILLY as chairperson;
 - 4.2 Melissa CLARK-REYNOLDS as a member;
 - 4.3 Whaimutu DEWES as a member;
 - 4.5 Neville JORDAN as a member;
 - 4.6 Dr Andrew (Andy) PEARCE as a member;
 - 4.7 Lain JAGER as a member;
 - 4.8 Guy SALMON as a member;
 - 4.9 Peter YEALANDS as a member;
- 5 **noted** that the proposed appointments are subject to the satisfactory completion of conflict of interest checks;

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- 7 **agreed** that the Advisory Group will evaluate and advise on:
- 7.1 how New Zealand, and in particular government agencies, can help exporters leverage greater value in international markets from New Zealand's clean, green brand;
 - 7.2 opportunities for smarter use of existing technologies and innovation, as well as greater development and adoption of new technologies (including clean technology) in New Zealand's productive sectors;
 - 7.3 the options for New Zealand's small and medium sized businesses to move to a lower carbon economy while sustaining the desired level of productive growth;
- 8 **agreed** to the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group, attached to the paper under CAB (11) 30, subject to any appropriate amendments to reflect the decision in paragraph 7 above;
- 9 **noted** that the Advisory Group will provide a report to the Minister for Economic Development and the Minister for the Environment by 20 December 2011;
- 10 **noted** that the establishment of the Advisory Group will be announced at the BlueGreen Conference in Akaroa, following the agreement of Cabinet;
- 11 **invited** the Minister for Economic Development and the Minister for the Environment to report back to the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee on the findings of the Advisory Group in February 2012.

 Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (11) 30
