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Proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity: Release for Public Consultation

Portfolio: Environment

On 29 November 2010, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee (EGI), Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that a National Policy Statement (NPS) on Indigenous Biodiversity is consistent with the National Party's 2008 environmental policy manifesto and the National Party's 2009 agreement with the Maori Party on the Emissions Trading Scheme;
- 2 **noted** that the Climate Change Response (Targets) Notice 2008 sets a target to promulgate a NPS on biodiversity by 1 February 2011;
- 3 **agreed** to the release of the draft NPS on Indigenous Biodiversity, and the accompanying section 32 report and submission guide, all of which are attached to the paper under CAB (10) 660 [EGI (10) 275 also refers], for public consultation, subject to paragraph 4 and to any minor technical and additional changes that may be required before their release;
- 4 **invited** the Minister for the Environment to consider including some text in the draft NPS on Indigenous Biodiversity on the role of Maori in protecting biodiversity;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister for the Environment will establish and then use the alternative process, as set out in section 46A of the Resource Management Act 1991, for taking public submissions on the draft NPS on Indigenous Biodiversity;
- 6 **agreed** that the draft NPS on Indigenous Biodiversity should not be finalised as a NPS until after the government has received and considered the Waitangi Tribunal's report on the WAI 262 claim;

- 7 invited the Minister for the Environment to report back to EGI in due course:
- 7.1 with a proposed NPS on Indigenous Biodiversity;
 - 7.2 on how the effectiveness of the proposed NPS will be monitored, including options for improving the monitoring of biodiversity loss;
 - 7.3 on other measures that may be needed to support the implementation of the NPS.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (10) 660; EGI Min (10) 29/11

Secretary's note: This minute replaces EGI Min (10) 29/11. Cabinet amended paragraph 3 and added a new paragraph 6.

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