



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Improvements to Assessments and Reassessments of Hazardous Substances: Release of Discussion Document

Portfolio Environment

On 24 July 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the discussion paper *Improving Decision-Making: A Discussion Document on Proposed Improvements to Assessments and Reassessments of Hazardous Substances* (the discussion document), attached to the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0194, sets out options for improvements to the hazardous substances management system;
- 2 **noted** that the proposals in the discussion document are aimed at making better use of international information during assessments and reassessments, and other improvements to the reassessment process under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;
- 3 **agreed** to the release of the discussion document for public consultation, subject to any minor, technical and editorial changes that may be required;
- 4 **invited** the Minister for the Environment to report back by December 2019 with final policy proposals.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Shane Jones
Hon James Shaw
Hon Eugenie Sage

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