



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

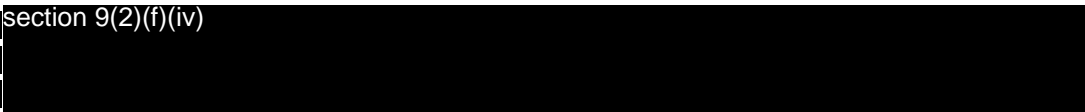
Minute of Decision

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Update on Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Work Programme

Portfolio Associate Environment (Hon Eugenie Sage)

On 24 July 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that New Zealanders are concerned about the environmental impacts of waste;
- 2 **noted** the progress with the implementation of the Waste Minimisation (Plastic Shopping Bags) Regulations 2018, as outlined in the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0196, and that the Ministry for the Environment is taking an education-first approach to compliance;
- 3 **noted** that the government can play a stronger role in the move to a circular economy in terms of leadership, investment and greater use of key regulatory tools, including the Waste Minimisation Act 2008;
- 4 **noted** that with the support of additional funding allocated as part of the 2019 Wellbeing Budget, the Associate Minister for the Environment (Hon Eugenie Sage) will be progressing a number of initiatives over the coming twelve months, including:
 - 4.1 expansion of the waste disposal levy;
 - 4.2 the development of an investment strategy and circular economy approach;
 - 4.3 regulated product stewardship;
 - 4.4 a National Environment Standard for the Outdoor Storage of Tyres;
 - 4.5 wide ranging national resource recovery initiatives;
 - 4.6 considering the design options of a potential New Zealand container deposit refund scheme;
- 5 **section 9(2)(f)(iv)**

- 6 **noted** that the Associate Minister for the Environment (Hon Eugenie Sage) intends to publicly announce the development of a potential New Zealand container deposit refund scheme within the next few weeks;

- 7 **noted** that the overview paper under DEV-19-SUB-0196 is accompanied by an associated paper under DEV-19-SUB-0195, which seeks agreement to release a consultation document on proposed priority products and priority product stewardship scheme guidelines.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

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

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for DEV

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Associate Minister for the Environment (Hon Eugenie Sage)

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