



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development: Release of Discussion Document

Portfolios **Finance / Housing**

On 2 June 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that the Kainga Ora – Homes and Communities Act 2019 requires the responsible Minister to issue a Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development (GPS-HUD) by 1 October 2021 [CAB-19-MIN-0168.01];
- 2 **noted** that the purpose of the GPS-HUD is to:
 - 2.1 state the government’s overall direction and priorities for housing and urban development;
 - 2.2 inform and guide the decisions and actions of agencies involved in, and the activities necessary or desirable for, housing and urban development;
- 3 **noted** that an accompanying paper under DEV-21-SUB-0112 proposes a review of the 2014 Māori Housing Strategy, He Whare Āhuru He Oranga Tāngata, which will complement the strategic direction provided in the GPS-HUD and continue the momentum to achieve significant and enduring housing outcomes with, for and by Māori;
- 4 **noted** that:
 - 4.1 once the final GPS-HUD is agreed and published, it will create expectations and obligations for all government agencies that play a role in housing and urban development to act consistently with its direction;
 - 4.2 Cabinet agreement to these expectations and obligations will be sought as part of the approval process for the final draft GPS-HUD;
- 5 **noted** that a discussion document setting out draft content for the GPS-HUD has been prepared by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, with input from other government agencies as well as partners and stakeholders from across the housing and urban development system;
- 6 **approved** the release of the GPS-HUD discussion document, attached to the paper under DEV-21-SUB-0111, subject to any minor or technical changes and additions that may be authorised by the Minister of Housing, including appropriate additional references to disability issues and highly productive land;

- 7 **noted** that consultation on the GPS-HUD discussion document will run from mid-June 2021, for at least six weeks;
- 8 **noted** that in addition to the public having an opportunity to submit on the GPS-HUD discussion document, officials will undertake further targeted engagement with partners and stakeholders in the housing and urban development system as an opportunity to receive more detailed feedback;
- 9 **invited** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing to report back to DEV in September 2021 seeking approval of the final GPS-HUD.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene MP
Dr Deborah Russell MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV