



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Residential Tenancies (Healthy Homes Standards) Amendment Regulations 2025

**Portfolio**                      **Associate Housing**

On 21 August 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that in March 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee agreed to add an exemption for ceiling insulation requirements to the Healthy Homes Standards (HHS) [ECO-24-MIN-0017];
- 2        **agreed** that the Residential Tenancies (Healthy Homes Standards) Amendment Regulations 2025 will disapply provisions of the Housing Improvement Regulations 1947 relating to heating, ventilation, and drainage for properties already covered by similar requirements in the HHS;
- 3        **noted** that section 138D of the Residential Tenancies Act 2019 allows for provisions of the Housing Improvement Regulations 1947 to be disappled in the circumstances described in paragraph 2 above;
- 4        **noted** that the section 7.95(d) of the Cabinet Manual stipulates that if secondary legislation is routine and does not require new policy decisions, the Minister may authorise drafting without reference to Cabinet, which has occurred in this case for the changes sought in paragraph 2;
- 5        **noted** that the Residential Tenancies (Healthy Homes Standards) Amendment Regulations 2025 give effect to the decisions in paragraphs 1 and 2 above;
- 6        **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Residential Tenancies (Healthy Homes Standards) Amendment Regulations 2025 [PCO 27363/2.0];
- 7        **noted** that the Residential Tenancies (Healthy Homes Standards) Amendment Regulations 2025 will come into force on 25 September 2025.

Tom Kelly  
Committee Secretary

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**Attendance: (See over)**

**Present:**

Hon David Seymour  
Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Judith Collins KC  
Hon Tama Potaka  
Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Nicole McKee  
Hon Casey Costello  
Hon Chris Penk  
Hon James Meager  
Hon Andrew Hoggard  
Stuart Smith, MP  
Todd Stephenson, MP  
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for LEG  
Office of the Leader of the House  
Office of the Minister of Defence