



Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Maritime Levy Review

Portfolio Associate Transport

On 1 April 2026, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in October 2025, Cabinet authorised Maritime NZ to initiate a Maritime Levy Review and release a discussion document for public consultation, and directed the Border Executive Board to undertake a cumulative impact assessment to better understand the system-wide cost pressures [EXP-25-MIN-0097];
- 2 **agreed** to amend the Maritime Levies Regulations 2016 to reflect the following rates to implement Option 2: increase the Maritime Levy rate by 6.35 percent from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028, and 2.5 percent from 1 July 2028 to 30 June 2030:

2027/28 – 6.35% increase

Vessel type	Per gross tonnage rate	Per deadweight tonnage rate	Per passenger capacity rate	Overall length
Foreign passenger (per port call)	\$0.1363	\$0.0112	\$2.7479	N/A
Foreign non-passenger (per port call)	\$0.1599	\$0.0129	N/A	N/A
NZ SOLAS (per annum)	\$10.5759	\$0.6252	\$63.3894	N/A
NZ non-SOLAS 24 metres or longer (per annum)	\$11.1524	N/A	\$23.8037	N/A
NZ non-SOLAS less than 24 metres (per annum)	N/A	N/A	\$23.8037	\$20.7742

2028/29 and 2029/30 – 2.5% increase

Vessel type	Per gross tonnage rate	Per deadweight tonnage rate	Per passenger capacity rate	Overall length
Foreign passenger (per port call)	\$0.1315	\$0.0108	\$2.6495	N/A
Foreign non-passenger (per port call)	\$0.1542	\$0.0124	N/A	N/A
NZ SOLAS (per annum)	\$10.1973	\$0.6028	\$61.1201	N/A
NZ non-SOLAS 24 metres or longer (per annum)	\$10.7532	N/A	\$22.9515	N/A
NZ non-SOLAS less than 24 metres (per annum)	N/A	N/A	\$22.9515	\$20.0305

- 3 **invited** the Associate Minister of Transport to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above decisions, including any necessary consequential amendments, savings, and transitional provisions;
- 4 **noted** that the Ministry of Transport is undertaking a cumulative impact assessment of costs affecting the maritime sector;
- 5 **noted** that a schedule of funding reviews will be provided to the Border Executive Board for consideration and will be published by an appropriate organisation to provide visibility of future funding reviews affecting the maritime sector;
- 6 **authorised** the Associate Minister of Transport to make final policy decisions on implementation, including minor or technical changes that arise during the drafting process, without further reference to Cabinet.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Secretary's note: Minute corrected to remove recommendation 3.

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Mark Patterson
Hon James Meager
Hon Scott Simpson
Simon Court MP

Officials present from:

Office of Hon James Meager
Officials Committee for ECO

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