Vehicle Exhaust Emissions Amendment Rule 2012

Portfolio: Transport (Associate)

On 17 October 2012, the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee (EGI):

1 noted that the Associate Minister of Transport intends to make Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Exhaust Emissions Amendment 2012 (the Amendment Rule);

2 noted that the aim of the Amendment Rule is to achieve improvements in air quality by reducing the level of emissions harmful to human health from motor vehicles operating on New Zealand roads;

3 agreed that the date for the implementation of the US2007 standard for existing-model heavy diesel vehicles be 1 July 2014;

4 noted the content of the Amendment Rule, a draft copy of which is attached to the paper under EGI (12) 218;

5 noted that the Amendment Rule will come into force on 1 January 2013;

6 noted that:

6.1 in 2007, the previous government considered a number of issues relating to a rolling age ban, in the context of the 2007 exhaust emissions standards [CBC Min (07) 11/3];

6.2 these issues will be addressed as part of a review that the Minister of Transport has announced will take place in 2014;

7 agreed that a further report on the need for a rolling age ban to regulate the import of used vehicles is no longer required;
8 noted that a copy of the paper under EGI (12) 218 and its subsequent minute, the submissions analysis and the Regulatory Impact Statement will be posted on the Ministry of Transport's website once the Amendment Rule has been signed.

Committee Secretary

Reference: EGI (12) 218

Present: 

Officials present from: