



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Publication of the New Zealand Rail Plan

Portfolios State Owned Enterprises / Finance / Transport / Regional Economic Development

On 5 August 2020, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that:
 - 1.1 on 22 May 2019, DEV agreed in principle to support investment in a resilient and reliable rail system [DEV-19-MIN-0123];
 - 1.2 on 28 August 2019, DEV agreed to a new planning and funding framework for rail [DEV-19-MIN-0225];
- 2 **noted** that the New Zealand Rail Plan (the Rail Plan), attached to the paper under DEV-20-SUB-0160, is a key component of the new planning and funding framework for rail;
- 3 **noted** that the Rail Plan will sit alongside the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2021 (GPS 2021) [DEV-20-SUB-0164] to direct rail investment through the National Land Transport Fund and inform future Budget investment decisions in rail;
- 4 **noted** that Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency will be expected to advise the Minister of Transport on how proposed rail network investment activities align with the strategic priorities in the Rail Plan, alongside the GPS 2021, when advising on future rail investment;
- 5 **noted** that alongside the Rail Plan, amendments to the Land Transport Management Act 2003 have been made to implement the new planning and funding framework for rail [LEG-19-MIN-0192];
- 6 **noted** that public consultation on the draft Rail Plan took place between December 2019 and May 2020;
- 7 **noted** that the Rail Plan has been revised to reflect recent events and key decisions that have occurred since the release of the draft Rail Plan in December 2019;
- 8 **noted** that the changes made to the revised Rail Plan do not change the policy intent of the Rail Plan and the strategic priorities that Rail Ministers agreed to in December 2019;
- 9 **agreed** to the release of the Rail Plan in August 2020;

10 **authorised** the Minister of Transport to make editorial and other changes to the Rail Plan in line with the policy intent outlined in the paper under DEV-20-SUB-0160, prior to its publication;

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Withheld as still under consideration

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

- Rt Hon Winston Peters
- Hon Kelvin Davis
- Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
- Hon Phil Twyford
- Hon Dr Megan Woods
- Hon David Parker
- Hon Stuart Nash
- Hon Jenny Salesa
- Hon Damien O'Connor
- Hon Kris Faafoi
- Hon Shane Jones
- Hon Willie Jackson
- Hon James Shaw
- Hon Eugenie Sage

Officials present from:

- Office of the Prime Minister
- Officials Committee for DEV

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