



Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Going for Growth with Māori | Huhua Māori

Portfolio **Māori Development**

On 26 March 2025, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in August 2024, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:
 - 1.1 agreed with the intention of the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti and the Minister for Māori Development to modernise the Government's approach to Māori development;
 - 1.2 noted that the Minister for Māori Development would report back with a Māori economic development strategy, service delivery and legislative reform programmes;[SOU-24-MIN-0094]
- 2 **noted** that stable Māori economic growth is fundamental to enduring economic growth in New Zealand;
- 3 **agreed** that each of the Going for Growth pillars contain focused actions that respond to the opportunities to accelerate Māori economic growth;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister for Māori Development will focus on three areas with immediate opportunity to boost Māori economic growth activity across this parliamentary term:
 - 4.1 targeted improvements to the regulatory and legislative framework applying to Māori-owned land, simplifying planning processes and facilitating capital in-flows;
 - 4.2 infrastructure investment that drives employment and supports sustainable growth in New Zealand;
 - 4.3 boosting export receipts of Māori businesses;
- 5 **noted** that the Māori development funding held under Vote Māori Development and administered by Te Puni Kōkiri has been recalibrated to focus on Māori economic growth;
- 6 **agreed** to discontinue the *He Kai Kei Aku Ringa* Plan (the Plan);

- 7 **authorised** responsible Ministers to take action to conclude the Plan and to disband the Māori Economic Development Advisory Board;
- 8 **invited** the Minister for Māori Development to report back to ECO by July 2025 on a finalised plan for Going for Growth with Māori and an outcomes, monitoring and reporting framework.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Mark Patterson
Hon Scott Simpson
Simon Court MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for ECO