



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Going for Growth with Māori | Tōnui Māori

**Portfolio**                      **Māori Development**

On 31 March 2025, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO), Cabinet:

- 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 Hayward  
Secretary of the Cabinet

***Secretary's Note:** This minute replaces ECO-25-MIN-0026. Cabinet agreed to amend the title of the plan to **Going for Growth with Māori | Tōnui Māori**.*

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Released by the Minister  
for Māori Development