



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Plan: Report Back on Development

Portfolio Māori Development

On 7 December 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):

- 1 **noted** that in June 2021, Cabinet invited te Minita Whanaketanga Māori to report back in April 2022 to seek approval of a draft plan in support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration plan) and a proposal for wider public consultation [SWC-21-MIN-0083];
- 2 **noted** that te Minita Whanaketanga Māori, in consultation with delegated Ministers, has worked with Pou Tikanga representatives of the National Iwi Chairs Forum and the Human Rights Commission to develop a draft Declaration plan, however no draft Declaration plan has been agreed and time has run out for public engagement on that draft in 2022 as had initially been planned;
- 3 **agreed** to defer the report back to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee on a draft Declaration plan for public consultation until early 2024;
- 4 **noted** that the Government remains committed to progressing this work further, consistent with the obligations that have been signalled by Aotearoa New Zealand since committing to support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2010;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and te Minita Whanaketanga Māori to develop a public engagement plan and to approve any funding required to increase Māori and public awareness, understanding, and engagement with the Declaration plan;
- 6 **invited** the Minister of Finance and te Minita Whanaketanga Māori to report back to SWC on any funding decisions taken and, prior to any public engagement, with a proposed public engagement plan.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Hon Meka Whaitiri

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Office of the Chair
Officials Committee for SWC

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Māori Development