



Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Minute of Decision

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Exempting Post Settlement Governance Entities from the Supervisory Jurisdiction of the Māori Land Court

Portfolio **Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti**

On 4 June 2025, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:

- 1 **agreed** that each post-settlement governance entity (PSGE) that requests it, be exempt from sections 237 to 245 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 – the supervisory jurisdiction of the Māori Land Court;
- 2 **noted** that each PSGE that requests this exemption has formally confirmed or will confirm they have followed their respective trust deed responsibilities for making a decision of this nature;
- 3 **agreed** that the Bill that will provide the exemption (the Bill) will list the PSGEs to be exempt in a schedule;
- 4 **agreed** that the Bill will authorise that other PSGEs, trusts established to represent a collective or combination of claimant groups, and hapū or other trusts that receive or which receive Treaty of Waitangi settlement redress can be added to the schedule by Order in Council (if the trust consents and the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti (the Minister) is satisfied that an exemption is appropriate);
- 5 **agreed** that the Bill provide that the PSGEs listed in the schedule may refer any dispute to the Māori Land Court for mediation under Part 3A of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993, by agreement of the disputing parties;
- 6 **invited** the Minister to instruct the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft the exempting Bill to implement the decisions under SOU-25-MIN-0066;
- 7 **authorised** the Minister to make technical policy decisions as needed to support the drafting instructions, in line with the decisions under SOU-25-MIN-0066.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Karen Chhour
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Scott Simpson

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for SOU

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