



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Summary

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### Te Ture Whenua Maori (Succession, Dispute Resolution, and Related Matters) Amendment Act 2020 Commencement Order 2026

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Māori Development</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	This paper seeks authorisation to submit the Te Ture Whenua Maori (Succession, Dispute Resolution, and Related Matters) Amendment Act 2020 (the Act) Commencement Order 2026 (the Order) to Executive Council.
<b>Previous Decisions</b>	The Act was enacted in August 2020, and largely commenced in February 2021.
<b>Proposal</b>	A provision of the Act relates to arrangements for a mediation service under the Act. Its commencement was delayed, to allow time for the service to be prepared. The service is now ready, and the Order will commence this section.
<b>Compliance</b>	Parliamentary Counsel certified the Order on 19 March 2026 as being in order for submission to Cabinet.
<b>Timing Matters</b>	The provision will commence on 30 April 2026.
<b>Consultation</b>	Paper prepared by TPK. MoJ was consulted. The Minister indicates that all Ministers were consulted.

#### The Minister for Māori Development recommends that the Committee:

- 1 authorise the submission to the Executive Council of Te Ture Whenua Maori (Succession, Dispute Resolution, and Related Matters) Amendment Act 2020 (the Amendment Act) Commencement Order 2026 (the Order) [PCO 28570/7.0];
- 2 note that the Order brings section 22 of the Amendment Act into force, to the extent that it inserts new section 98M(2) to (5) into Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993, on 30 April 2026;
- 3 note that section 2 of the Amendment Act requires that the commencement date in the Order must be on or after the date on which the rest of the Amendment Act comes into force, and that this requirement has been met.

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Committee Secretary

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