



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Summary

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### Post-Settlement Governance Entities (Exemption from Jurisdiction of Māori Land Court) Bill: Approval for Introduction

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| <b>Portfolio</b>          | <b>Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Purpose</b>            | This paper seeks approval to introduce the Post-Settlement Governance Entities (Exemption from Jurisdiction of Māori Land Court) Bill (the Bill).                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Previous Decisions</b> | In June 2025, SOU agreed to exempt specified post-settlement governance entities (PSGEs) from the supervisory jurisdiction of the Māori Land Court [SOU-25-MIN-0066].                                                                                                |
| <b>Proposal</b>           | The Bill gives effect to the decision above. It includes a list of specific PSGEs and hapū trusts to be exempted on enactment, as well as an Order in Council power for the Minister to add further entities to the list, if they later decide to seek an exemption. |
| <b>Impact Analysis</b>    | Not required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Compliance</b>         | A departmental disclosure statement is <b>attached</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Timing Matters</b>     | Introduced: as soon as practicable;<br>Referred: to the Māori Affairs committee.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Communications</b>     | None proposed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Consultation</b>       | Paper prepared by TPK. MoJ and Te Tari Whakatau were consulted.<br><br>The Minister indicates that all Ministers were consulted.                                                                                                                                     |

**The Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti recommends that the Committee:**

- note that the Post-Settlement Governance Entities (Exemption from Jurisdiction of Māori Land Court) Bill (the Bill) holds a category 5 priority on the 2026 Legislation Programme (to proceed to select committee before the 2026 General Election);

- 2 note that the Bill is exempt from the requirement to provide a Regulatory Impact Statement on the grounds that the Bill has no or only minor economic, social, or environmental impacts;
- 3 note that some provisions in the Bill give effect to decisions made under the authority delegated to the Minister for Māori Crown Relations to make technical decisions as needed to support drafting, in line with the decisions under SOU-25-MIN-0066;
- 4 approve the Post-Settlement Governance Entities (Exemption from Jurisdiction of Māori Land Court) Bill [PCO 28122/4.0] for introduction;
- 5 agree that Bill states that this Act will bind the Crown;
- 6 agree that the Bill be introduced as soon as practicable after Cabinet has approved the Bill for introduction;
- 7 agree that the Government propose that the Bill be referred to the Māori Affairs select committee for consideration;
- 8 agree that the Minister for Māori Crown Relations may authorise the Parliamentary Counsel Office to make any minor changes to the Bill following consideration by the Cabinet Legislation Committee.

Sam Moffett  
Committee Secretary

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