



# Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Proposed Amendments to Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993: Approval to Consult

**Portfolio**                      **Māori Development**

On 26 March 2025, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

- 1        **noted** that consultation with Māori landowners on changes to Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 is included in the Coalition Government's Q1 Action Plan;
- 2        **noted** that the related paper *Going for Growth with Māori | Huhua Māori*, attached under ECO-25-SUB-0026, outlines the Minister for Māori Development's priorities for Māori economic growth, including focused actions within the Going for Growth agenda;
- 3        **noted** that amendments to Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 will support the use and development of whenua Māori, including proposals to:
  - 3.1      make certain processes more efficient for both the Māori Land Court and landowners;
  - 3.2      widen who can be appointed as an agent, the types of land an agent can be appointed for, and the powers of an agent;
  - 3.3      support the development and access of whenua Māori for housing;
  - 3.4      support better and clearer processes for succession matters;
  - 3.5      support more efficient processes for certain leases to be progressed; and
  - 3.6      amend miscellaneous provisions;
- 4        **noted** that final policy proposals will be given effect through Te Ture Whenua Maori Amendment Bill, for which a category 5 priority has been sought on the 2025 Legislation Programme (to progress to Select Committee by the end of 2025);
- 5        **invited** the Minister for Māori Development to report back to ECO with final policy proposals to amend Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 following public consultation;
- 6        **authorised** the Minister for Māori Development to make any minor changes as needed to finalise the discussion document attached under ECO-25-SUB-0027 (the discussion document);

7 **approved** the release of the discussion document for public consultation.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon David Seymour  
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Louise Upston  
Hon Todd McClay  
Hon Tama Potaka  
Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Chris Penk  
Hon Penny Simmonds  
Hon Andrew Hoggard  
Hon Mark Patterson  
Hon Scott Simpson  
Simon Court MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for ECO