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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Incorporated Societies Bill: Amendments and Approval for Introduction

Portfolio **Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

On 10 March 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

Background

- 1 **noted** that on 8 May 2019, DEV:
 - 1.1 agreed to a number of amendments to the draft Incorporated Societies Bill (the Bill);
 - 1.2 invited the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to report back with the final text of the Bill, with a view to its introduction to the House;

[DEV-19-MIN-0101]

Policy proposals

- 2 **noted** that on 8 May 2019, DEV agreed to exempt associations with levies under the Commodity Levies Act 1990 from the rule that a person must consent to society membership [DEV-19-MIN-0101, paragraph 6.2];
- 3 **agreed to recommend** that Cabinet rescind the decision referred to in paragraph 2 above;
- 4 **agreed** that the Bill include provisions enabling entities incorporated under other Acts, named by Order in Council, to convert into incorporated societies;
- 5 **agreed** that the conversion of an entity into an incorporated society be subject to conditions prescribed by regulation, made on the recommendation of the Minister for the time being responsible for the Incorporated Societies Act;

Approval to introduce Bill

Confidential advice to Government

- 7 **noted** that the Incorporated Societies Bill will put in place a modern framework of basic legal, governance and accountability obligations for incorporated societies and those that run them;

- 8 **approved** the Incorporated Societies Bill [PCO 18129/13.0] for introduction, subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 9 **agreed** that the government propose that the Incorporated Societies Bill be:
- 9.1 referred to the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Select Committee;

Confidential advice to Government

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
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