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17 March 2021	Table B: ESR Standards Update	MBIE
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Some information has been withheld as it is confidential advice to Government (pg 7 of the Cabinet paper).



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Updating References to Standards in the Electricity and Gas Safety Regulations: Release of Discussion Document

Portfolio **Energy and Resources**

On 17 March 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the standards referenced in the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 and the Gas (Safety and Measurement) Regulations 2010 are an important part of delivering electricity and gas safety within an international safety market;
- 2 **noted** that a significant number of the standards referenced in the Electricity (Safety) Regulations and the Gas (Safety and Measurement) Regulations are out of date or no longer exist, and that changes have been made to the gas certification and conformance regimes in Europe and Australia;
- 3 **noted** that under the Legislation Act 2012, the government must amend the Regulations to adopt the new version of referenced standards, and that public consultation is required as part of this process;
- 4 **agreed** to the release of the discussion paper entitled *Updating References to Standards in the Electricity and Gas Safety Regulations*, attached to the submission under DEV-21-SUB-0039 (the discussion paper), subject to any minor or technical editorial changes that may be required;
- 5 **noted** that officials are considering mechanisms for future updating of references to standards in the Electricity (Safety) Regulations and the Gas (Safety and Measurement) Regulations.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
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Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene, MP
Dr Deborah Russell, MP

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