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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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On 10 June 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Crown Minerals (Decommissioning and Other Matters) Amendment Bill holds a category 3 priority (to be passed if possible in the year) on the 2021 Legislation Programme;
- 2 **noted** that the Bill:
 - 2.1 introduces provisions to strengthen the regulation of petroleum sector decommissioning activities to mitigate the risk of decommissioning costs falling to the Crown or other third parties, and requirements related to funding any post-decommissioning work;
 - 2.2 expands the current enforcement toolbox under the Crown Minerals Act 1991;
- 3 **approved** for introduction the Crown Minerals (Decommissioning and Other Matters) Amendment Bill [PCO 22621], subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister of Energy and Resources will make further technical amendments to the Bill before Cabinet's approval for introduction;
- 5 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced in the week beginning 14 June 2021;
- 6 **agreed** that the government propose that the Bill be:
 - 6.1 referred to the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee for four months consideration;
 - 6.2 enacted by December 2021.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:
See over

Officials present from:
Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for LEG

Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Jan Tinetti
Kieran McAnulty, MP