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Minister	Hon Michael Wood	Portfolio	Workplace Relations and Safety
Title of Cabinet paper	Adventure Activities Consultation Document	Date to be published	29/10/2021

List of documents that have been proactively released		
Date	Title	Author
11 August 2021	<i>Adventure Activities Consultation Document</i>	<i>Office of the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety</i>
11 August 2021	<i>Cabinet Economic Development Committee Minute of Decision DEV-21-MIN-0174</i>	<i>Cabinet Office</i>

Information redacted

NO

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Adventure Activities: Release of Consultation Document

Portfolio **Workplace Relations and Safety**

On 11 August 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that a targeted review of the adventure activities regulatory regime took place in 2020 in response to the Whakaari/White Island disaster;
- 2 **noted** that WorkSafe New Zealand (WorkSafe) received \$2.22 million funding through Budget 2021 to implement operational changes to the regime to improve the management of natural hazards [CAB-21-MIN-0116.18];
- 3 **noted** that the proposed operational changes include:
 - 3.1 the development of natural hazard guidance materials;
 - 3.2 natural hazard expertise to support WorkSafe's organisational understanding of natural hazard risk;
 - 3.3 education and engagement activities by WorkSafe to support operator awareness and compliance with any regulatory change;
- 4 **noted** that the document titled *Adventure Activities – Keeping it Safe* (the consultation document), attached to the paper under DEV-21-SUB-0174, presents a package of change proposals to the adventure activities regulatory regime, including:
 - 4.1 a strengthened regulatory leadership role for WorkSafe;
 - 4.2 a risk classification system to improve the management of natural hazards and activity-based technical risks;
 - 4.3 specific requirements on landowners and operators to improve the management of natural hazards;
 - 4.4 improved risk disclosures for participants;
 - 4.5 improvements to the safety audit standard, the audit process, guidance and information to support the sector;
- 5 **noted** that some of the regulatory change proposals included in the consultation document may require additional government funding to implement;

- 6 **noted** that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and WorkSafe, alongside other relevant government agencies, will continue to work together to understand how a risk classification system could be implemented in practice, the cost implications associated with it, and ensuring it aligns with other regulatory approaches for managing natural hazard risks;
- 7 **noted** that MBIE and the Department of Conservation will continue to work together to understand the implications of introducing landowner requirements on the Department of Conservation's operations;
- 8 **noted** that MBIE and WorkSafe, along with other relevant government agencies, will work together to understand how to apply acceptable levels of risk to proposals included in the consultation document through the next phase of work;
- 9 **agreed** to the public release of the consultation document, subject to any minor and editorial changes that may be authorised by the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety before its release;
- 10 **noted** that the consultation on the proposed changes to the adventure activities regulatory regime will take place between August and October 2021;
- 11 **invited** the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety to report back to DEV in December 2021 on the outcome of the consultation and seeking final decisions on the proposed changes to the adventure activities regime.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene MP
Dr Deborah Russell MP

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for DEV