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Minister	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Portfolio	Media and Communications
Title of Cabinet paper	Moving Towards a Financially Sustainable Mail Service: Release of Discussion Document	Date to be published	26 November 2024

List of documents that have been proactively released		
Date	Title	Author
30 September 2024	Moving Towards a Financially Sustainable Mail Service: Release of Discussion Document We note this version of the Cabinet paper does not include the discussion document as an appendix, as this has already been released publicly on MBIE's website.	Office of the Minister for Media and Communications
30 September 2024	Moving Towards a Financially Sustainable Mail Service: Release of Discussion Document CBC-24-MIN-0096 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES / NO (please select)

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Cabinet Business Committee


Minute of Decision

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On 30 September 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that New Zealand Post (NZ Post) and the Crown are party to the postal Deed of Understanding (the Deed), which sets out minimum requirements that NZ Post must meet relating to the mail service;
- 2 **noted** that as part of the 2024 Review required in the Deed, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and NZ Post have been in discussions about possible changes to the Deed that would help NZ Post move towards a financially sustainable mail service, including:
 - 2.1 reducing the minimum levels of delivery frequency in urban and rural areas;
 - 2.2 changing the way that NZ Post can maintain and extend its mail network;
 - 2.3 reducing the minimum number of postal retail outlets;
- 3 Commercial Information 
- 4 **approved** the release of the discussion document *Moving Towards a Financially Sustainable Mail Service*, attached as Appendix One to the paper under CBC-24-SUB-0096, subject to any minor and technical changes that the Minister for Media and Communications may consider necessary;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister for Media and Communications intends to report back to Cabinet on the next steps and with final policy decisions on changes to the Deed as soon as practicable after the consultation closes, and following consultation with the Minister for State Owned Enterprises.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Mark Mitchell

Officials present from:

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet