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Minister	Hon Chris Penk	Portfolio	Building and Construction
Title of Cabinet paper	Government Response to the Petition of Christian van der Pump: <i>Remove Building Act 2004 restriction of access to the District and High Court</i>	Date to be published	12 May 2025

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
March 2025	Government Response to the Petition of Christian van der Pump: <i>Remove Building Act 2004 restriction of access to the District and High Court</i>	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
13 March 2025	Government Response to the Petition of Christian van der Pump LEG-25-MIN-0031 Minute	Cabinet Office
20 March 2025	The presented Government response is available on the New Zealand Parliament website at: https://bills.parliament.nz/v/4/cd973019-6b8a-4a81-fd4f-08dd66725519	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction

Information redacted

NO

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Government Response to the Petition of Christian van der Pump

Portfolio **Building and Construction**

On 13 March 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 5 December 2024, the Petitions Committee referred the Petition by Christian van der Pump, entitled: *Remove Building Act 2004 restriction of access to the District or High Court* (the Petition) to the Minister for Building and Construction for the Government's response;
- 2 **noted** that one submission was received from Local Government New Zealand, which does not support the Petition;
- 3 **approved** the proposed Government response to the Petition, attached at Appendix One under LEG-25-SUB-0031, noting that the Government does not intend to implement the Petition's recommendations;
- 4 **noted** that the Government response must be presented to the House by 25 March 2025;
- 5 **invited** the Minister for Building and Construction to present the Government response to the House, in accordance with Standing Order 380.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Penny Simmonds
Stuart Smith, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP
Tod Stephenson, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG