



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Louise Upston	<b>Portfolio</b>	Tourism and Hospitality
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Freedom Camping - Extending the transitional period for private vehicles	<b>Date to be published</b>	29 May 2025

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2 December 2024	Freedom Camping – Extending the transitional period for private vehicles <i>CBC-24-MIN-0131 Minute</i>	Cabinet Office

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# Cabinet Business Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Freedom Camping: Extending the Transitional Period for Private Vehicles

**Portfolio**                      **Tourism and Hospitality**

On 2 December 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act) provides a two-year transitional period for the certification of vehicles that are not owned by a rental company (private vehicles), with a new system coming into effect on 7 June 2025;
- 2        **noted** that the Minister for Tourism and Hospitality (the Minister) may, under clause 3(1) of Schedule 1AA of the Act, recommend that the transitional period referred to in paragraph 1 above be extended by up to two years by regulations made by Order in Council;
- 3        **noted** that under clause 4(2) of Schedule 1AA of the Act, the Minister may only recommend that an Order in Council referred to in paragraph 2 above is made if the Minister is satisfied that the Order is necessary or desirable to allow sufficient time for:
  - 3.1       owners of private vehicles to apply for a certification;
  - 3.2       certification authorities to carry out their functions under the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006;
- 4        **noted** that before the Minister can recommend that an Order in Council referred to in paragraph 2 is made, under clause 4(1)(a) of Schedule 1AA of the Act, the Minister must consider, if relevant:
  - 4.1       the number of persons appointed as certification authorities;
  - 4.2       the number of motor vehicle inspectors;
  - 4.3       the number of motor vehicles issued a certificate of self-containment;
  - 4.4       any other matters that the Minister considers relevant;
- 5        **noted** that before the Minister can recommend that an Order in Council referred to in paragraph 2 is made, under clause 4(1)(b) of the Schedule 1AA of the Act, the Minister must consult any person or groups that the Minister considers necessary or desirable to assist the Minister to make an assessment under clause 4(2) of Schedule 1AA of the Act;

- 6 **noted** that the Minister has considered the relevant matters under clause 4(1)(a) of Schedule 1AA of the Act;
- 7 **noted** that officials have undertaken a public consultation on behalf of the Minister for the purposes of clause 4(1)(b) of Schedule 1AA of the Act;
- 8 **noted** that the Minister is satisfied that an extension of the transitional period referred to in paragraph 1 above to 7 June 2026 is necessary for the purposes of clause 4(2) of Schedule 1AA of the Act;
- 9 **agreed** to an extension of the transitional period referred to in paragraph 1 by one year to 7 June 2026;
- 10 **authorised** the Minister to publicly announce the decision to recommend an extension to the transitional period prior to the regulations specifying the new end date being agreed;

### Legislative implications

- 11 **noted** that extending the transitional period will require regulations to be made by Order in Council under clause 3(1) of Schedule 1AA of the Act;
- 12 **invited** the Minister to issue drafting instructions to Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above policy decisions;
- 13 **noted** that the Minister will bring final regulations to the Cabinet Legislation Committee;
- 14 **authorised** the Minister to make decisions, consistent with the policy decisions in the paper under CBC-24-SUB-0131, on any issues that arise during the drafting process;

### Financial implications

- 15 **agreed** to establish the following new appropriation to fund the operating costs of the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board (PGDB), as regulator of the self-contained vehicle system:

<b>Vote</b>	Business, Science, and Innovation
<b>Appropriation Minister</b>	Minister for Tourism and Hospitality
<b>Title</b>	Tourism and Hospitality: Management of the Self-Contained Motor Vehicles System Regulator
<b>Type</b>	Non-Departmental Output Expense
<b>Scope</b>	This appropriation is limited to undertaking regulation activities relating to self-contained vehicles.
<b>Intention statement</b>	This appropriation is intended to achieve the statutory obligations for the regulation of the self-contained motor vehicles system.

- 16 **approved** the following changes to the appropriation relating to the operating costs of the PGDB, as regulator, which will be funded by the levy income received:

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<b>Vote Business, Science, and Innovation</b> <b>Minister for Tourism and Hospitality</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28</b>	<b>2028/29 &amp; Outyears</b>
Non-Departmental Output Expense				
Tourism and Hospitality: Management of the Self-Contained Motor Vehicles System Regulator	1.898	1.898	1.898	1.898
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>1.898</b>	<b>1.898</b>	<b>1.898</b>	<b>1.898</b>

- 17 **noted** that, as per the Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023, any levies earned from the freedom camping system must be used for this regime.

Jenny Vickers  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)  
Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon David Seymour  
Hon Nicola Willis  
Hon Chris Bishop  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Dr Shane Reti  
Hon Simeon Brown  
Hon Erica Stanford  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Judith Collins KC  
Hon Todd McClay  
Hon Matt Doocey  
Hon Simon Watts

**Officials present from:**

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet