



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Scott Simpson	<b>Portfolio</b>	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Patents Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	<b>Date to be published</b>	24 June 2025

### List of documents that have been proactively released

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
30 April 2025	Patents Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	Office of the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
8 May 2025	Patents Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction LEG-25-MIN-0076 Minute	Cabinet Office

### Information redacted

**YES**

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# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Patents Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

**Portfolio** Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 8 May 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **Confidential advice to Government**
- 2 **noted** that the Bill will make amendments to the transitional provisions of the Patents Act 2013 to apply stricter criteria for the grant of divisional patents applications made under the Patents Act 1953;
- 3 **rescinded** the decision in paragraph 3.1.3 of DEV-20-MIN-0109 that the amendments apply to divisional applications with an actual filing date that is more than three months after the date of entry into force of the amendments;
- 4 **agreed** that the amendments apply to divisional applications with an actual filing date that is on or after the date of commencement;
- 5 **approved** the Patents Amendment Bill [PCO 27153/7.0] for introduction;
- 6 **authorised** the Parliamentary Counsel Office to continue to make minor and technical changes that arise during drafting up until the Bill is introduced;
- 7 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced and passed through all stages on Budget night.

Tom Kelly  
Committee Secretary

**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Louise Upston  
Hon Judith Collins KC  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Chris Penk  
Hon Penny Simmonds  
Hon James Meager  
Hon Scott Simpson  
Jamie Arbuckle, MP  
Todd Stephenson, MP

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for LEG  
Attorney-General's Office