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<b>Minister</b>	Hon Chris Penk	<b>Portfolio</b>	Building and Construction
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Incentivising residential solar generation	<b>Date to be published</b>	September 2025

### List of documents that have been proactively released

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
April 2025	Incentivising residential solar generation	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
9 April 2025	Incentivising residential solar generation ECO-25-MIN-0054 Minute	Cabinet Office
April 2025	Regulatory Impact Statement: Incentivising residential solar generation	MBIE
August 2024	Energy Efficiency Requirements for Homes	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
6 August 2024	Energy Efficiency Requirements for Homes EXP-24-MIN-0039 Minute	Cabinet Office
April 2025	Refocused climate work programme for building and construction	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
9 April 2025	Refocused climate work programme for building and construction ECO-24-MIN-0312 Minute	Cabinet Office
14 August 2024	Briefing 2425-0569: Updating the building chapter of the First Emissions Reduction Plan to reflect your portfolio priorities	MBIE
18 September 2024	Briefing 2425-0886: Opportunities to include buildings in the Second Emissions Reduction Plan	MBIE

### Information redacted

**Yes**

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# Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Refocused Climate Work Programme for Building and Construction

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On 18 December 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

- 1        **noted** that in March 2024, ECO agreed that the Minister for Building and Construction's (the Minister) overall priority should be to create an efficient, competitive building regulatory system and reduce overall building costs [ECO-24-MIN-0019];
- 2        **noted** that the Minister intends to refocus the approach to climate change in the Building and Construction portfolio to provide information, tools and incentives to support greater uptake of low carbon, energy efficient and climate resilient building practices;
- 3        **rescinded** the previous Cabinet policy decisions to mandate energy performance ratings, introduce waste minimisation plans, and clarify the purposes and principles of the Building Act 2004 [DEV-22-MIN-0216 and DEV-23-MIN-0072];
- 4        **directed** officials to report back to the Minister with detailed advice on how a partial or full waiver of the building levy, and fast tracking of building consents for green buildings may be used that supports the governments climate obligations;
- 5        **agreed** that New Zealand become a signatory to the Declaration de Chaillot to strengthen international collaboration on low-carbon and climate resilient building practices.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

#### **Present:**

Hon David Seymour  
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Chris Bishop  
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Hon Judith Collins KC  
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Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Melissa Lee  
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Hon Chris Penk  
Hon Nicola Grigg  
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Hon Andrew Hoggard  
Hon Mark Patterson

#### **Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of Hon Chris Bishop  
Office of Hon Erica Stanford  
Office of Hon Simon Watts  
Officials Committee for ECO