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<b>Minister</b>	Hon Nicola Willis	<b>Portfolio</b>	Economic Growth
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Proposed 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition of the Government Procurement Rules	<b>Date to be published</b>	9 October 2025

### List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
August 2025	Proposed 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition of the Government Procurement Rules	Office of the Minister for Economic Growth
19 August 2025	Proposed 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition of the Government Procurement Rules EXP-25-MIN-0082 Minute	Cabinet Office
August 2025	Appendix A: <i>Government Procurement Rules: Responsible expenditure of public funds.</i>  Will be publicly available at <a href="#">NZGP home</a>   <a href="#">New Zealand Government Procurement</a>	MBIE

### Information redacted

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# Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Proposed 5th Edition of the Government Procurement Rules

**Portfolio**                      **Economic Growth**

On 19 August 2025, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Government Procurement Rules have been revised to provide a stronger focus on supporting the economy, improving transparency and accountability, and have been simplified to make them easier to understand and apply;
- 2        **approved** the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Government Procurement Rules, attached to the paper under EXP-25-SUB-0082;
- 3        **noted** that the review of the Government Procurement Rules considered opportunities to support supplier diversity, and that the paper under EXP-25-SUB-0082 meets the requirement to report back to Cabinet on supplier diversity [CAB-24-MIN-0321].
- 4        **noted** that agencies will require some time to update their internal procurement policies and procedures and train staff on the provisions in the new rules;
- 5        **agreed** that the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Government Procurement Rules will come into force three months after Cabinet approval;
- 6        **noted** that broader outcomes and related designated contract requirements in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Government Procurement Rules have been replaced with a new Rule: Economic Benefit to New Zealand;
- 7        **agreed** to remove the requirement that agencies that must follow the Government Procurement Rules must use an approved sustainable building rating system when building a new non-residential government owned building with an estimated capital value of \$9 million;
- 8        **noted** that the proposed Economic Benefit to New Zealand rule creates a framework where agencies can incorporate social and environmental outcomes into their contracts, where it represents good public value and will result in economic benefit to New Zealand;

- 9 **agreed** that before the date on which the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Government Procurement Rules come into effect, agencies must brief the Minister with overall responsibility for their agency, and forward this to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), on what changes they are making to implement the requirements in the 5th edition of the Government Procurement Rules, including how they will implement and monitor economic benefits;
- 10 **agreed** that, in relation to paragraph 9 above, the requirement for agencies to brief their responsible Minister should be applied proportionately, with the level of administrative effort reflecting the size of the agency and the scale of its procurement activity, and that MBIE will provide guidance to agencies;
- 11 **noted** that the Minister of Finance and the Minister for the Public Service have agreed to continue to bind application of the Rules to those Crown entities and Public Finance Act Schedule 4A companies covered by the Whole of Government Direction on Functional Leadership issued under section 107 of the Crown Entities Act on 22 April 2014.

Tom Kelly  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon David Seymour (Chair)  
Hon Nicola Willis  
Hon Chris Bishop  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Louise Upston  
Hon Shane Reti  
Hon Casey Costello  
Hon Andrew Hoggard  
Hon Mark Patterson

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for EXP  
Office of the Minister for Universities  
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment