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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Portfolio Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 10 September 2025, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

- 1 **noted** that the policy objective of the proposed Regulatory Systems (Commercial Matters) Amendment Bill and Regulatory Systems (Energy and Resources) Amendment Bill (the Bills) is to improve regulatory systems administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment by ensuring that they are effective, efficient and accord with best regulatory practice;
- 2 **Confidential advice to Government**
- 3 **noted** that portfolio Ministers have agreed to 91 amendments for inclusion in the Bills, across 21 statutes;
- 4 **noted** that in July 2024, ECO agreed to include amendments to the Limited Partnerships Act 2008, the Receiverships Act 1993, and the Insolvency Act 2006 in a proposed Corporate Governance Amendment Bill [ECO-24-MIN-0149], but it is now considered more appropriate to include them in the Regulatory Systems (Commercial Matters) Amendment Bill;
- 5 **agreed** that:
 - 5.1 the amendments in Annex One under ECO-25-SUB-0135, comprising Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Media and Communications, and Resources (Crown Minerals Act 1991) amendments, be included in the Regulatory Systems (Commercial Matters) Amendment Bill, to be referred to the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee;
 - 5.2 the amendments in Annex Two under ECO-25-SUB-0135, comprising Building and Construction, Energy, and Resources amendments, be included in the Regulatory Systems (Energy and Resources) Amendment Bill, to be referred to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee;
- 6 **invited** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to issue drafting instructions to Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above decisions;

- 7 **authorised** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to make any necessary decisions on minor and technical matters that may arise during the drafting process, that are consistent with policy decisions, in consultation with the relevant portfolio Minister;
- 8 **noted** that the approval of the parliamentary Business Committee will be required to introduce the Bills and treat them as associated Bills during their first, second and third readings.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Scott Simpson
Hon James Meager
Hon Mark Patterson
Simon Court MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for ECO