



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Paul Goldsmith	<b>Portfolio</b>	Minister for Media and Communications
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### List of documents that have been proactively released

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November 2025	Engagement on reallocation of radio spectrum for mobile use	Office of Minister for Media and Communications
3 November 2025	Engagement on reallocation of radio spectrum for mobile use CAB-25-MIN-0376.01 Minute	Cabinet Office

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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Engagement on Reallocation of Radio Spectrum for Mobile Use

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On 3 November 2025, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** that rights to use the 2300 MHz and 2600 MHz bands of radio spectrum are expiring in 2030 and 2028 respectively, and decisions on future allocation of these rights need to be taken as soon as possible to provide industry with certainty regarding ongoing access to spectrum;
- 2        **noted** that, by convention, Cabinet approves allocations of significant commercial spectrum allocations taking into account technical and policy considerations to ensure spectrum is used efficiently for the benefit of New Zealanders;
- 3        **noted** that future allocation of the 2300 and 2600 MHz bands falls within the scope of a 2022 Memorandum of Understanding between the Crown and Māori Confidential advice to Government

- 4        Commercial Information [Redacted]

- 5        **approved** the release of the discussion document attached as Appendix One under ECO-25-SUB-0153 for public consultation on the 2300 MHz and 2600 MHz bands, subject to any minor or editorial changes that may be necessary;

- 6 **noted** that the Minister for Media and Communications intends to report back to Cabinet Confidential advice to Government with final proposals for future allocations of the 2300 and 2600 MHz bands.

Rachel Hayward  
Secretary of the Cabinet

**Secretary's Note:** *This minute replaces ECO-25-MIN-0153. Following Cabinet's deferral of this item on 28 October 2025, the above decisions were agreed at its meeting on 3 November 2025.*

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