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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Addressing Misuse of the Personal Property Securities Register

Portfolio Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 29 April 2026, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Personal Property Securities Register is an online noticeboard where people can register their security interests in personal property, and that it can be misused to harass members of the public;
- 2 **agreed** to amend the Personal Property Securities Act 1999 to reduce the period before the Registrar can remove frivolous statements from 10 to five working days;
- 3 **invited** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the Minister) to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office for a Bill to give effect to the above decision;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister proposes that the amendment be progressed through the Regulatory Systems (Commercial Matters) Amendment Bill;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister to take decisions consistent with the above paragraphs on matters that arise during the drafting process.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon James Meager
Hon Scott Simpson
Hon Cameron Brewer
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