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List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
21 May 2026	Removal of Health and Life Insurers from the Climate-Related Disclosures Regime	Office of the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
27 May 2026	Removal of Health and Life Insurers from the Climate-Related Disclosures Regime ECO-26-MIN-0093 Minute	Cabinet Office
29 April 2026	Regulatory Impact Statement: removal of health and life insurers from the climate-related disclosures regime	MBIE

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YES

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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Removal of Health and Life Insurers from the Climate-Related Disclosures Regime

Portfolio Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 27 May 2026, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that health and life insurers have limited exposure to material climate-related financial risks, provide disclosures of limited usefulness, and face compliance costs that are not proportionate to their level of climate risk;
- 2 **agreed** to exclude any insurer whose business is wholly or predominantly the provision of health or life insurance from the climate-related disclosures regime;
- 3 **noted** that the above amendment may be progressed through an Amendment Paper to the Financial Markets Conduct Amendment Bill at the Committee of the whole House stage;
- 4 **invited** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the Minister) to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above decision;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to make any minor or technical changes required to give effect to the policy.

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Committee Secretary

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Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Tama Potaka
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