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YES

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Building Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio **Building and Construction**

On 25 June 2026, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Building Amendment Bill (the Bill) holds a category ^{Conf} priority on the 2026 Legislation Programme **Confidential advice to Government**;
- 2 **noted** that the Bill will amend the Building Act 2004 to address inefficiencies in the building system that increase costs, delay delivery, and constrain performance, including through clearer allocation of roles, responsibilities, and risk;
- 3 **noted** that the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) authorised the Minister for Building and Construction (the Minister) to make further decisions during the drafting process, consistent with the agreed policy proposals [ECO-25-MIN-0054, ECO-25-MIN-0121, ECO-25-MIN-0188, ECO-25-MIN-0190, and ECO-26-MIN-0041];
- 4 **noted** that the Minister has exercised the delegated authority referred to in paragraph 4 by making further decisions consistent with ECO's policy decisions, as set out in full at Annex One under LEG-26-SUB-0139;
- 5 **noted** that empowering provisions for regulations to support the implementation of liability and associated consumer protection measures have been refined during drafting and are set out in Annex Three under LEG-26-SUB-0139, along with indicative timing for their use;

Final offences and penalties for Cabinet approval

- 6 **noted** that in November 2025, ECO agreed in principle to introduce offences for non-compliance with home warranty and professional indemnity insurance requirements, subject to further feedback from the Ministry of Justice, with penalties aligned to comparable offences in the Act [ECO-25-MIN-0190];
- 7 **noted** that officials engaged with the Ministry of Justice during drafting of the Bill and their feedback has been considered in the final proposals;
- 8 **agreed** to final proposed offences and penalties, at Annex Two under LEG-26-SUB-0139, to support compliance with home warranty and professional indemnity insurance requirements;

Legislative process

- 9 **approved** the Building Amendment Bill [PCO 28452/6.0] for introduction;
- 10 **authorised** the Minister to approve minor and technical changes to the Bill, consistent with the approved policy, prior to its introduction;
- 11 **authorised** the Parliamentary Counsel Office to make minor proofreading and editorial changes to the Bill, prior to its introduction;
- 12 **noted** that the Departmental Disclosure Statement under LEG-26-SUB-0139 is not final and may require adjustments to reflect any minor and technical changes made to the Bill prior to its introduction;
- 13 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced by 29 June 2026, or on another date advised by the Leader of the House;
- 14 **agreed** that the Government propose that the Bill be referred to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee for consideration;
- 15 **agreed** to progress self-certification for entire builds through a separate Bill, Confidential advice to Government
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Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Scott Simpson (Chair)
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon James Meager
Hon Cameron Brewer
Hon Mike Butterick
Stuart Smith MP
Jamie Arbuckle MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG