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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Portfolio **Science, Innovation and Technology**

On 17 September 2026, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

Further decisions

- 1 **agreed** that the Research, Science, Innovation, and Technology Bill (the Bill) provide for:
 - 1.1 the requirement for Public Research Organisations (PROs) to act consistently with existing Treaty settlement obligations;
 - 1.2 the requirement for the Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology to consult and consider Treaty-related obligations when deciding on transfers;
 - 1.3 the ability for an Order in Council to be made by the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology, to disapply section 47 of the Commerce Act 1986 in relation to transfers;
 - 1.4 other transfer-related clauses regarding transfers between PROs and from the Crown to PROs;
 - 1.5 limited immunity from civil liability for employees and directors of PROs and PRO subsidiaries in particular instances; and
 - 1.6 a temporary function for Gracefield Innovation Quarter Holdings to either sell or wind down GlycoSyn Technologies;

Ministerial decisions made under Cabinet authorisation

- 2 **noted** the Ministerial decisions made under Cabinet authorisation as set out in Appendix Two under LEG-26-SUB-0195;

Approval and introduction of the Bill

- 3 **noted** that the Bill will give effect to a package of proposals to reform the Science, Innovation, and Technology (SI&T) system to maximise the value of public investment and create a more dynamic and strategically focused SI&T system that can respond to priorities and keep pace with technological advances to grow the New Zealand economy [ECO-24-MIN-0242, CAB-24-MIN-0504.02];

- 4 **approved** the Bill [PCO 27111/10.0] for introduction;
- 5 **agreed** that the Government propose that the Bill be referred to the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee for consideration.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Scott Simpson
Hon Cameron Brewer
Hon Mike Butterick
Todd Stephenson MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG