



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio Housing, Environment

On 30 September 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that New Zealand is facing a housing crisis and increasing the housing supply is one of the key actions the Government can take to improve housing affordability;
- 2 **noted** that the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD) is a powerful tool for improving housing supply in our highest growth areas;
- 3 **noted** the intensification enabled by the NPS-UD needs to be brought forward and strengthened given seriousness of the housing crisis and this can be done by amending the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and the NPS-UD ahead of the Government's resource management reforms;
- 4 **noted** that the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill will to bring forward and strengthen the NPS-UD by removing restrictive planning rules to rapidly accelerate the supply of housing by creating a streamlined planning process that:
 - 4.1 enables the intensification outcomes anticipated from the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 to be achieved earlier, and;
 - 4.2 requires councils to implement medium density residential standards as default standards in residential zones within major urban area;
- 5 **agreed** that the Bill enables a change to the definition of planning decision in the NPS-UD to make it clear that it applies to both private plan changes adopted and accepted by a council;
- 6 **agreed** that the Bill makes a minor and technical amendment to section 224 of the RMA to amend a technical error and to support the policies in the Bill;
- 7 **agreed** that the Bill amends the RMA to enable local authorities to include provisions in their plans to enable financial contributions to be charged for permitted activities;
- 8 **approved** for introduction the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill [PCO 23683/10.0], subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;

- 9 **noted** that the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill holds a priority of category 2 on the 2021 Legislation Programme (must be passed by the end of 2021);
- 10 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced as soon as possible;
- 11 **agreed** that the government propose that the Bill be:
- 11.1 referred to the Environment Committee for consideration;
- 11.2 enacted by 16 December 2021.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Phil Twyford

Officials present from:

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