



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Māori Purposes Bill: Approval for Introduction

**Portfolio**                      **Māori Development**

On 5 December 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Māori Purposes Bill (the Bill) holds a category 5 priority on the 2024 Legislation Programme (to proceed to select committee by the end of 2024);
- 2        **noted** that the Bill amends:
  - 2.1      the Maori Community Development Act 1962;
  - 2.2      the Maori Purposes Fund Act 1934–35 and Maori Purposes Fund Regulations 1937;
  - 2.3      the Maori Soldiers Trust Act 1957;
  - 2.4      the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955;
  - 2.5      the Māori Trustee Act 1953 and the Māori Trustee Regulations 2009;
  - 2.6      Te Ture mō Te Reo Māori 2016/the Māori Language Act 2016;
  - 2.7      the Māori Television Service (Te Aratuku Whakaata Irirangi Māori) Act 2003; and
  - 2.8      Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993, the Maori Incorporations Constitution Regulations 1994, and the Maori Reservations Regulations 1994;
- 3        **noted** that the Bill repeals the following statutes which have no operative provisions:
  - 3.1      Maori Purposes Act 1939;
  - 3.2      Maori Purposes Act 1945; and
  - 3.3      Maori Purposes Act 1973;
- 4        **approved** the Māori Purposes Bill [PCO 23917/4.0] for introduction, subject to the final approval of the Government caucuses and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 5        **agreed** that the Bill be introduced on the first available date after Cabinet has approved the Bill for introduction;

6 **agreed** that the Government propose that the Bill be:

6.1 referred to the Māori Affairs Select Committee for consideration; and

6.2 enacted, if possible, in 2025.

Tom Kelly  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)  
Hon Simeon Brown  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Tama Potaka  
Hon Casey Costello  
Hon Nicole McKee  
Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Nicola Grigg  
Hon Andrew Bayly  
Hon Scott Simpson, MP  
Todd Stephenson, MP

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for LEG  
Leader of the House's Office

Released by the Minister for Māori Development