



Cabinet Māori Crown Relations - Te Arawhiti Committee

Minute of Decision

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New Zealand's Progress on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Development of National Plan

Portfolio Māori Development

On 5 March 2019, the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations - Te Arawhiti Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in 2010, the previous government agreed that New Zealand should support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration) and approved the Statement of Support attached to the paper under CAB (10) 115; [CAB Min (10) 10/11]
- 2 **agreed** that te Minita Whanaketanga Māori lead a process to develop a national plan of action, strategy or other measure on New Zealand's progress towards the objectives of the Declaration (the Declaration Plan);
- 3 **invited** te Minita Whanaketanga Māori, in consultation with the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, the Minister of Justice, the Attorney-General, the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Minister of Conservation, to confirm terms of reference and establish a technical working group including non-governmental experts on human and indigenous rights, and government officials (the working group);
- 4 **noted** that the working group will provide te Minita Whanaketanga Māori with advice and recommendations on:
 - 4.1 the form and content of a Declaration plan that focusses the government's priority activities into actions representing the mutual priorities of government and Māori, that contribute to the progressive realisation of the Declaration;
 - 4.2 an engagement process with iwi, hapū and whānau that embodies New Zealand's best practice under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Declaration;
- 5 **noted** that following advice from the working group, te Minita Whanaketanga Māori will consult with Ministers with portfolio interests in a Declaration plan;

- 6 **invited** te Minita Whanaketanga Māori to report back to the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations - Te Arawhiti Committee in August 2019 seeking initial decisions on a Declaration plan, and a preferred option for engagement with iwi, hapū, whānau and Māori.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis (Chair)
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Aupito William Sio
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Eugenie Sage

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