



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Te Ture Whenua Maori (Improved Multiple Ownership Issues, and Related Matters) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolios Justice / Māori Development

On 17 September 2019, the Cabinet Legislation Committee, having been authorised by Cabinet to have Power to Act [CAB-19-MIN-0483]:

- 1 [REDACTED] 9(2)(h)
- 2 **noted** that the Bill makes targeted amendments to the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 that support the Māori Land Court and strengthen the regulatory framework for Māori land tenure;
- 3 **agreed** that the Bill:
- 3.1 extend the scope of the Māori Land Court's power to issue special injunctions to include the 'General Land owned by Māori,' a special category of land that is subject to Act; and
- 3.2 simplify the process for converting Crown land into Māori customary land;
- 4 **noted** that Cabinet authorised Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori and the Minister of Justice to approve further minor and technical amendments, if required [MCR-18-MIN-0016];
- 5 **noted** that some minor and technical matters were identified that required Ministerial approval;
- 6 **approved** the Te Ture Whenua Māori (Improved Multiple Ownership Issues, and Related Matters) Amendment Bill [PCO 21150/] for introduction, subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 7 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced by 23 September 2019;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Justice and Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori to make any changes to the Bill, including the Bill's title, considered necessary to achieve its intended purpose during the remaining stages of the legislative process;

9 agreed that the government propose that the Bill be:

9.1 referred to the Māori Affairs Committee for consideration; and

9.2 [REDACTED]

9(2)(h)

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Ron Mark
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Aupito William Sio
Hon James Shaw
Hon Julie Ann Genter
Hon Eugenie Sage
Michael Wood, MP (Senior Government Whip)

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