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Westport Housing Situation Following the July Floods: Update

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Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: Westport Housing Situation Following the July Floods: Update

Portfolio Emergency Management

On 9 August 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** the update by the Acting Minister for Emergency Management on the housing situation in Westport following the July floods, and that it is expected that there will be an ongoing need for temporary accommodation in the short to medium term;
- 2 **noted** that additional short-term funding from the government is expected to be required to support the recovery of the Buller District, particularly with regard to accommodation needs;
- 3 **noted** that officials are working with local authorities to gain a detailed understanding of recovery needs;
- 4 **noted** that the Acting Minister for Emergency Management intends to submit a paper to Cabinet on 23 August 2021 to seek agreement to provide further funding to ensure the Buller District Council remains solvent and able to deliver both its recovery and business as usual obligations until 30 November 2021.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet