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Kermadec Islands Earthquakes and Tsunami Threat

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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: Kermadec Islands Earthquakes and Tsunami Threat

Portfolio **Emergency Management**

On 5 March 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that there have been a series of major earthquakes near the Kermadec Islands and one to the east of the North Island on the morning of 5 March 2021 which resulted in a tsunami threat to the east coast of the North Island and other areas;
- 2 **noted** the update from the Minister for Emergency Management on the situation and that the threat has now been downgraded;
- 3 **authorised** a group of Ministers, comprising the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Minister for Emergency Management, to have Power to Act over the period until the next Cabinet meeting on 8 March 2021, to take any urgent decisions that may be required in response to the earthquakes and tsunami threat.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet