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The following document has been proactively released by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC):

Oral Item: Update on Matters Relating to Recent Weather Events

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of minute: Oral Item: Update on Matters Relating to Recent Weather Events
(EWR-23-MIN-0001 refers)

Title of minute: Report of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee:
Period Ended 3 March 2023 (CAB-23-MIN-0060 refers)



Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee

Minute of Decision

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Oral Item: Update on Matters Relating to Recent Weather Events

Portfolio Cyclone Recovery

On 27 February 2023, the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee (EWR), exercising its Power to Act in accordance with its terms of reference:

- 1 **noted** the updates provided by the regional Ministerial leads (Regional Ministers) on matters relating to the recent weather events, including updates from Hon Kelvin Davis (Northland), Hon Michael Wood (Auckland and Coromandel), Hon Kiri Allan (Tairāwhiti and Bay of Plenty), Hon Stuart Nash (Hawke's Bay) and Hon Kieran McAnulty (Tararua and Wairarapa);
- 2 **directed** the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to coordinate, with Regional Ministers, the preparation of a paper for consideration by EWR at its next meeting on Tuesday, 7 March 2023, on each Regional Minister's proposed regional structure, including advice on the administrative support that may be required in relation to each regional structure;
- 3 **invited** the Minister of Transport to provide advice to EWR on the assessment of roading network requirements and proposed priorities for each region;
- 4 **authorised** the Minister for Cyclone Recovery, the Minister for the Environment, the Minister for Emergency Management and the Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission, in consultation with other relevant Ministers and agencies, to make decisions if required before the next EWR meeting on issues relating to the clean-up and removal of silt;
- 5 **directed** the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to coordinate the preparation of a paper to EWR on 7 March 2023 on silt-related issues, which includes advice from Treasury, the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Ministry for the Environment, the Ministry of Health and NEMA as appropriate on:
 - 5.1 the implications from a science, research, and health perspective;
 - 5.2 advice on what needs to be done in the short-term (including indicative costs), and the proposed measures that could be undertaken over a medium and longer-term timeframe;

- 6 **invited** the Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Michael Wood) to coordinate a report back to EWR on 7 March 2023 on issues relating to flood insurance, land rehabilitation and related decisions, including linkages with the Resource Management Act reform programme and the proposed sequencing of the various workstreams, in the context of the flooding and Cyclone Gabrielle;
- 7 **invited** the Minister for Emergency Management to provide an update to EWR on 7 March 2023 on legislative changes required for the response.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Hon Barbara Edmonds
Hon Meka Whaitiri

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for EWR

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Report of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee: Period Ended 3 March 2023

On 6 March 2023, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee for the period ended 3 March 2023:

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Portfolio: Cyclone Recovery

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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