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Oral Item: FOSAL Cost-Sharing Negotiations: Update and Next Steps

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of minute: Oral Item: FOSAL Cost-Sharing Negotiations: Update and Next Steps

(EWR-23-MIN-0052 refers)

Title of minute: Report of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee:

Period Ended 30 June 2023 (CAB-23-MIN-0288 refers)

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Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee

Minute of Decision

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Oral Item: FOSAL Cost-Sharing Negotiations: Update and Next Steps

Portfolios Finance / Cyclone Recovery

On 28 June 2023, the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee (EWR), exercising its Power to Act in accordance with its terms of reference:

- 1 **noted** that on 31 May 2023, EWR:
 - 1.1 made decisions on the policy framework and approach to provide central government funding support for property owners severely affected by the 2023 Auckland flood events and Cyclone Gabrielle, within the context of a locally-led recovery;
 - 1.2 invited the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Māori Crown Relations:

 Te Arawhiti to report back in June 2023 on the parallel pathway policy approach for Māori land, rights and interests;
 - invited the Minister of Finance to report back in June 2023 on progress with costsharing discussions with local government;

[EWR-23-MIN-0044]

- **noted** the update provided by the Minister for Crown-Māori Relations: Te Arawhiti on the Kaupapa Māori pathway, including that:
 - analysis is ongoing in relation to the number of whenua Māori properties in Category 3;
 - 2.2 central government will engage with already identified and future Category 3 whenua Māori properties, along with local government, with detailed face-to-face meetings (attended by council and relevant government agency representatives, and incorporating advice from Te Arawhiti);
- noted that, as previously agreed [EWR-23-MIN-0044], Ministers will report back to EWR in July 2023 on the parallel Kaupapa Māori policy approach, incorporating feedback and insights from engagement with Māori on whenua Māori;

- 4 **noted** the update provided by the Minister of Finance and Minister for Cyclone Recovery on the negotiations with Auckland, Hawke's Bay and Tairawhiti council representatives on cost-sharing arrangements, including that:
 - 4.1 decisions on the details, including the criteria for valuation of Category 3 properties, the split of costs between councils and central government, and the treatment of uninsured properties, would not now be possible by 30 June 2023;
 - 4.2 providing certainty as quickly as possible to the affected individuals and communities continues to be the priority, and that therefore discussions on councils' affordability and Category 2 properties will be held in parallel with the continuing discussions relating to Category 3;
- directed the Cyclone Recovery Unit to report back to EWR on 19 July 2023 with an update on the Regional Recovery Plans and proposed next steps.

Janine Harvey Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Kelvin Davis Hon Grant Robertson (Chair) Hon Kieran McAnulty Hon Barbara Edmonds

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for EWR Cyclone Recovery Unit, DPMC

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Report of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee: Period Ended 30 June 2023

On 3 July 2023, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee for the period ended 30 June 2023:

EWR-23-MIN-0052

Oral Item: FOSAL Cost-Sharing Negotiations:

Update and Next Steps

Portfolios: Finance / Cyclone Recovery / Māori Crown

Relations: Te Arawhiti

Diana Hawker
Acting Secretary of the Cabinet