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### **Cyclone Recovery Taskforce: Appointments**

The following documents have been included in this release:

**Title of briefing:** Cyclone Recovery Taskforce Establishment

**Title of paper:** Cyclone Recovery Taskforce: Appointments (EWR-23-SUB-0023)

**Title of minute:** Cyclone Recovery Taskforce: Appointments (EWR-23-MIN-0023)

**Title of minute:** Report of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee: Period Ended 17 March 2023 (CAB-23-MIN-0086)

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## Briefing: Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce Establishment

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	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Grant Robertson <b>Minister for Cyclone Recovery</b>	agree to recs	

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### Minister's Office

**Status:**

Signed

Withdrawn

**Comment for agency**

**Attachments:** Yes/No

# Briefing

## Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce Establishment

To: Hon Grant Robertson  
Minister for Cyclone Recovery

Date	10/03/2023	Security Level	<del>IN CONFIDENCE</del>
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### Purpose

1. This briefing seeks your authorisation to lodge the *Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce: Appointments* paper for consideration at the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee (EWR) on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March at 6:30pm. The EWR paper for authorisation confirms your intention to appoint Sir Brian Roche as Chair, and the members you wish to appoint as members of the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce (the Taskforce).


### Executive Summary

2. The establishment of the Taskforce was agreed by Cabinet on 27 February 2023. The Taskforce was established to provide an independent perspective to the Minister for Cyclone Recovery and to Cabinet on what is required for the recovery efforts and to improve resilience in the future.
3. In the Cyclone Gabrielle: Recovery Arrangements Cabinet Paper, you proposed for this Taskforce to be chaired by Sir Brian Roche. Sir Brian Roche has agreed to this role, and has been in close contact with officials, providing information requisite to support his appointment. Further consideration was given to the other members of the Taskforce by Ministers, and the membership are being approached.
4. Officials are in the process of gaining the information required from Candidates for the CV Forms, with the aim to have these compiled ahead of the Tuesday Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee (EWR) meeting. Due to the limited timeframe available to invite input from Candidates to complete their CV Forms, we are recommending a compressed process via the EWR Committee, rather than the more standard Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee (APH) process.
5. The paper for authorisation proposes a membership term for Sir Brian Roche and the other proposed members commencing on 27 March 2023 and expiring on 30 March 2024, with a possible extension for a further year. The APH Organisation Form (noting the business will be considered by the EWR Committee), Terms of Reference, and individual Candidate CV Forms will be attached as appendices to the paper.

## Recommendations

We recommend you:

1. **note** that prospective candidates for the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce are currently being contacted by officials to facilitate the appointment process.
2. **authorise** the lodging of the *Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce Establishment* paper to the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee. **YES / NO**
3. **agree** to proactively release this report, subject to any appropriate withholding of information that would be justified under the Official Information Act 1982. **YES / NO**



**Katrina Casey**  
**Acting Chief Executive Cyclone Recovery, Executive Director Implementation Unit and DCE Covid-19 Group**

10/03/2023

**Hon Grant Robertson**  
**Minister for Cyclone Recovery**

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Attachments:	Title	Security classification
<b>Attachment A:</b>	Cabinet Appointments and Honours paper: Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce Establishment	<del>IN CONFIDENCE</del>

**Attachment A: Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery  
Committee paper: Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce  
Establishment**

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Office of the Minister for Cyclone Recovery

Chair, Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee

## CYCLONE GABRIELLE RECOVERY TASKFORCE: APPOINTMENTS

### Proposal

- 1 This paper notes my intention to:
  - 1.1 appoint Sir Brian Roche as chairperson (Chair) of the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce (the Taskforce) until 30 March 2024.
  - 1.2 appoint Adrian Littlewood, Leanne Watson, Craig Renney, Anne Tolley, Bayden Barber, Katie Murray, and Herewini Parata as members of the Taskforce until 30 March 2024.
- 2 The paper also notes the Terms of Reference for the Taskforce.

### Background

- 3 The establishment of the Taskforce was agreed by Cabinet on the 27 February 2023 [CAB-23-MIN-0056]. The Taskforce was established to provide an independent perspective to the Minister for Cyclone Recovery and to Cabinet on what is required for the recovery efforts and to improve resilience in the future.
- 4 The Taskforce will have a focus on supporting the economic and infrastructure recovery and provide a means for many relevant voices to be heard in the recovery and rebuild phases.
- 5 The APH Organisation Form for the membership until 30 March 2024 is included as Appendix One.

### Noting of confirmed Terms of Reference

- 6 I note that the Terms of Reference were noted by Cabinet on 27 February 2023.
- 7 Terms of Reference for the Taskforce are attached as Appendix Two.

### Appointments

- 8 I note that the Cyclone Gabrielle: Recovery Arrangements Cabinet Paper included my proposal for this Taskforce to be chaired by Sir Brian Roche. I intend to

continue with this course of action, appointing Sir Brian Roche as Chair.

- 9 Sir Brian Roche brings extensive governance, leadership, and business experience. He has held senior leadership positions across the public and private sectors, including as a senior partner in what is now PricewaterhouseCoopers, as Chief Crown Negotiator for Te Tiriti o Waitangi settlements, as leader of the 2011 Rugby World Cup hosting rights bid and as Chief Executive of the New Zealand Post Group.
- 10 Sir Brian Roche has also held Board Chairpersonships including with the Auckland Regional Transport Authority, the New Zealand Transport Agency, the Hurricanes Super Fifteen Franchise, and Antarctic New Zealand. Sir Brian Roche has worked with both central and local government regarding large scale project delivery, which will provide him with a strong background to lead the cyclone recovery taskforce.
- 11 Over the COVID-19 pandemic response, Sir Brian Roche chaired the advisory committee to oversee the implementation of the New Zealand COVID-19 Surveillance Plan and Testing Strategy, and the Ministerial Advisory Group for COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice. He is also a Life Member of the Australia New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants and was awarded a Knights Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2016.
- 12 I intend to appoint Adrian Littlewood to the Taskforce, commencing on 27 March 2023 and expiring on 30 March 2024.
- 13 Adrian Littlewood was the Chief Executive Officer of Auckland International Airport Limited from 2012 until 2021. Adrian led the airport through the sudden and highly disruptive impact of Covid-19, and so brings a unique and experienced business perspective to the Taskforce and will support the business connections the T.
- 14 I intend to appoint Leanne Watson to the Taskforce, commencing on 27 March 2023 and expiring on 30 March 2024.
- 15 Leanne Watson is the Chief Executive Officer of the Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce, a position held since 2017, and provides a voice on behalf of the business community. As a BusinessNZ Board member she will help facilitate connections with businesses throughout the impacted regions, and given her deep involvement with supporting businesses through the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery efforts, her experience and expertise will be a valuable contribution for the Taskforce.
- 16 I intend to appoint Craig Renney to the Taskforce, commencing on 27 March 2023 and expiring on 30 March 2024.

- 17 Craig Renney is the Director of Policy at the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions (NZCTU), a position held since 2020, and provides a voice on behalf of the trade union sector. He is also an economist, and will has skills around economic evaluation, economic geography and labour market analysis.
- 18 I intend to appoint Hon Anne Tolley JP to the Taskforce, commencing on 27 March 2023 and expiring on 30 March 2024.
- 19 Anne Tolley is the Commission Chair of the Tauranga City Council, a position held since 2021, and provides a local government perspective in a way which will be relevant for all affected regions.
- 20 I intend to appoint Bayden Barber to the Taskforce, commencing on 27 March 2023 and expiring on 30 March 2024.
- 21 Bayden Barber is the Chairperson of the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board, a position held since 2022, and provides a tangata whenua perspective, in particular for the heavily impacted Hawkes Bay region.
- 22 I intend to appoint Katie Murray to the Taskforce, commencing on 27 March 2023 and expiring on 30 March 2024.
- 23 Katie Murray is the Chairperson of the Te Runanga O Te Rarawa, a position held since 2022, and provides a tangata whenua perspective of the Far North. Katie Murray was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for service to Māori and the community. Her accomplishments include being Chairperson and Trustee of Te Hiku Iwi Development Trust for three years.
- 24 I intend to appoint Herewini Parata to the Taskforce, commencing on 27 March 2023 and expiring on 30 March 2024.
- 25 Herewini Parata is the Chairperson of Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou and provides an important perspective of the impacted Tairāwhiti region.

### **Representativeness of appointment**

- 26 Given the necessary expert skills, knowledge, and experience required for the Taskforce, I am satisfied that the appointment of Sir Brian Roche as Chair of the Taskforce, and the appointments outlined above will provide for an appropriately balanced Taskforce in terms of gender, age, ethnicity, and geographic representation, and mix of skills and experience.
- 27 As I have stated already, I am committed to working closely with local communities, iwi, and business on the recovery, taking opportunities to build back better. It is important that the Taskforce comprises members who can integrate local views with their own knowledge and expertise to advise me on priorities for recovery, planning and the sequencing of recovery efforts.



**Remuneration**

28 The Taskforce is classified as a Group 4 Level 1 body under the Cabinet Fees Framework. Under the framework, the fees are:

28.1 \$1,265 per day for the Chairperson

28.2 \$952 per day for Members.

29 I note that the Taskforce will meet as required and it is anticipated that no more than 15 days per month of time by the Chair, and 5 days per month of time per member per month until 30 March 2024 will be required.

**Appointment’s process and consultation**

30 I can confirm that a closed selection process was carried out, which given the specific skills, knowledge, and experience required is appropriate and is consistent with the Public Service Commission (PSC) appointment guidelines.

**Conflicts of interest**

31 Due to the expedited process underway to appoint members to the Taskforce, officials are currently fielding the required personal information from candidates, including possible conflicts of interest. I understand that these details will be provided in full once officials have completed this exercise.

32 I can confirm that appropriate enquiries concerning conflicts of interest have been carried out, in accordance with the PSC appointment guidelines, to identify any conflict of interest that could reasonably be identified. Potential conflicts of interest have been disclosed by candidates as set out in the following table and will be monitored throughout in accordance with the below process.

Candidate	Possible conflicts of interest
Sir Brian Roche	There are no known conflicts of interest
	[To be provided]

33 The following process as set out in the Taskforce’s Terms of Reference has been agreed to by Cabinet to deal with conflicts of interest:

33.1 The Chair and Members are responsible for declaring any real or potential conflicts. Any real or perceived conflicts will be discussed by the Chair and/or responsible Ministers, and mitigations put in place if necessary.

**Timing and Publicity**

34 A press statement will be issued once the membership appointments have been approved and members have been notified.

**Recommendation**

35 It is recommended that the Committee:

- 35.1 **note** my intention to appoint Sir Brian Roche as Chair of the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce commencing on 27 March 2023 until 30 March 2024.
- 35.2 **note** my intention to appoint Adrian Littlewood, Leanne Watson, Craig Renney, Anne Tolley, Bayden Barber, Katie Murray, and Herewini Parata as members of the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce commencing on 27 March 2023 until 30 March 2024.
- 35.3 **note** the Cabinet-approved Terms of Reference for the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Grant Robertson

Minister for Cyclone Recovery

APPENDIX 1 – APH Organisation Form (Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce) [To be provided]

APPENDIX 2 – Terms of Reference (Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce) [To be provided]

APPENDIX 3 – Candidate CV Forms [To be provided]

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# Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Cyclone Recovery Taskforce: Appointments

**Portfolio**                      **Cyclone Recovery**

On 14 March 2023, the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee, exercising its Power to Act in accordance with its terms of reference:

- 1        **noted** that on 27 February 2023, Cabinet approved the terms of reference for the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce [CAB-23-MIN-0056];
- 2        **noted** that the Minister for Cyclone Recovery intends to appoint Sir Brian ROCHE as the Chair of the Cyclone Recovery Taskforce, for a term of appointment commencing on 27 March 2023 until 30 March 2024;
- 3        **noted** that the Minister for Cyclone Recovery intends to appoint the following people as members of the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce, for terms of appointment commencing on 27 March 2023 until 30 March 2024:
  - 3.1      Adrian LITTLEWOOD;
  - 3.2      Leanne WATSON;
  - 3.3      Craig RENNEY;
  - 3.4      Anne TOLLEY;
  - 3.5      Bayden BARBER;
  - 3.6      Katie MURRAY;
  - 3.7      Herewini PARATA;
- 4        **noted** that the above appointments are subject to the satisfactory completion of conflict of interest checks and other appointment processes.

Janine Harvey  
Committee Secretary

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**Present: (see over)**

**Present:**

Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Michael Wood  
Hon Kiri Allan  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Barbara Edmonds  
Hon Meka Whaitiri

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for EWR

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## Minute of Decision

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### Report of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee: Period Ended 17 March 2023

On 20 March 2023, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee for the period ended 17 March 2023:

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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**Cyclone Recovery Taskforce: Appointments**  
Portfolio: Cyclone Recovery

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