



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Approach to Deliver the Equitable Transitions Strategy

Portfolio **Social Development and Employment / Economic and Regional Development**

On 19 October 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):

- 1 **noted** that in March 2022, SWC:
 - 1.1 agreed to develop an Equitable Transitions Strategy with a draft Strategy to be published for consultation by June 2023 and a final Strategy published by June 2024;
 - 1.2 invited the Minister for Social Development and Employment and Minister for Economic and Regional Development to report back to Cabinet with a proposed final term of reference, governance arrangements and delivery approach for the Equitable Transitions Strategy which takes into account Cabinet's preferred approach to timeframes, governance and stakeholder participation;[SWC-22-MIN-0028]
- 2 **agreed** to the proposed terms of reference for the Equitable Transitions Strategy, attached as Appendix One under SWC-22-SUB-0181, which set out the scope, objectives, outcomes and governance arrangements for the Strategy;
- 3 **agreed** that the scope of the Equitable Transitions Strategy does not extend to addressing issues arising as a result of the need to adapt to a changing climate;
- 4 **noted** that developing an effective Equitable Transitions Strategy will require the input and support of agencies and Ministers from across Government;
- 5 **directed** agencies to work with the Ministry of Social Development and Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to support a consistent and coherent approach to delivering an equitable transition including by providing information on how distributional impacts are being factored into agencies' climate strategies and policies;
- 6 **noted** that SWC agreed that the Equitable Transitions Strategy will be developed through high engagement and in collaboration with affected groups, with governance and decision making remaining with government [SWC-22-MIN-0028];
- 7 **noted** that in order to deliver the draft Strategy in June 2023 it will be important for officials to begin a public engagement process this year;

- 8 **agreed** to formally launch the public engagement process to inform the development of the Equitable Transitions Strategy through the release of a suite of online materials that includes:
- 8.1 background information on the Strategy (for example a short video outlining the objectives of the Strategy), information on how the Strategy fits alongside the ERP and other climate change work programmes, and the terms of reference for the Strategy;
 - 8.2 opportunities for people and groups to register for regular updates across the work programme and to participate in engagement events; and
 - 8.3 an online survey that seeks views on the risks and opportunities that different groups face because of the transition and to prioritise the issues that are of greatest importance.
- 9 **noted** that the launch of engagement on the Equitable Transitions Strategy is the first step in a wider engagement process that will seek a diverse range of views to inform the content and actions included in the Equitable Transitions Strategy;
- 10 **invited** the Minister for Social Development and Employment and Minister for Economic and Regional Development to report back to SWC in May 2023 seeking agreement to consult on the draft Equitable Transitions Strategy from June 2023.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon James Shaw

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for SWC