



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Development of a New Strategy for New Zealand's Older Population

Portfolio **Seniors**

On 23 May 2018, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in February 2018, Cabinet:
 - 1.1 agreed to the development of a new Strategy for New Zealand's older population (the new Strategy) during 2018;
 - 1.2 noted that the Minister for Seniors would seek agreement to a consultation plan and to the release of a public discussion document on the development of the Strategy in May 2018;

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- 2 **noted** that the purpose of the new Strategy will be to provide a common platform from which central and local government agencies and communities can develop and implement initiatives affecting New Zealand's current and future older population;
- 3 **agreed** that:
 - 3.1 a new Strategy be developed over the period June 2018 to March 2019;
 - 3.2 a full public engagement process be followed to develop the new Strategy, with two phases of stakeholder engagement over the period June 2018 to February 2019 to first assist with the development of, and then to refine, the new Strategy;
- 4 **noted** that the draft discussion document, *Contributing to the development of a new Positive Ageing Strategy*, attached to the submission under SWC-18-SUB-0062, is intended to support the initial round of public engagement on the new Strategy, and will:
 - 4.1 provide the basis for the engagement process, to initiate and support conversations, and to help identify what should be included in the new Strategy;
 - 4.2 be the foundation document from which a range of engagement resources will be developed to generate feedback – for example, toolkits for network-led conversations;
 - 4.3 highlight some of the issues, future challenges and opportunities facing older people, and stimulate conversation and encourage stakeholder feedback through the included questions and scenarios;

- 5 **agreed** to the public release of the discussion document under SWC-18-SUB-0062 in June 2018;
- 6 **noted** that the Minister for Seniors intends to proactively release the Cabinet paper under SWC-18-SUB-0062;
- 7 **authorised** the Minister for Seniors to make minor editorial, design and formatting changes (including adding infographics) to the discussion document as required, and finalise the engagement plan, prior to its public release;
- 8 **noted** that the Minister for Seniors intends to report back to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:
- 8.1 by November 2018, to seek agreement to the public release of a first draft of the new Strategy, and to enable a second phase of targeted stakeholder engagement to be carried out from December 2018 to February 2019;
- 8.2 by May 2019, to seek agreement to the finalisation and launch of the new Strategy and to the process for the development of an action plan for the new Strategy.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Aupito William Sio
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