



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Oral Item: Shape of the Children's Commission and Oranga Tamariki System Oversight Legislation

Portfolio Social Development

On 22 July 2020, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

1 **noted** that in March 2019, Cabinet:

1.1 agreed that the system of independent oversight for the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 and children's issues should be strengthened under one overarching act that brings together the functions of system level advocacy for all children and young people, oversight and complaints investigation for matters related to the application of the Act, and independent monitoring and assurance;

1.2 agreed to repeal the Children's Commissioner Act 2003, and to re-establish the Children's Commissioner and relevant provisions in the new act;

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2 **noted** that, following consultation with key stakeholders, officials recommend that dedicated legislation for the Children's Commissioner should be retained;

3 **agreed to recommend** that Cabinet rescind the decision referred to in paragraph 1.2 above, and instead agree that the Children's Commissioner Act 2003 should be reviewed and refreshed.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Dr Megan Woods
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 Aupito William Sio
Hon Julie Anne Genter
Jan Logie, MP

Officials present from:

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Office of the SWC Chair
Officials Committee for SWC