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Government Response to Rautaki Hanganga o Aotearoa, the New Zealand Infrastructure Strategy

Portfolio Infrastructure

On 5 September 2022, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV), Cabinet:

Government response, action plan, and reporting programme

- 1 **noted** that under the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission/Te Waihanga Act 2019 (the Act), it is the responsibility of the Minister for Infrastructure to present a statement of the government's response (the Government Response) to the New Zealand Infrastructure Strategy (the Strategy) to the House of Representatives;
- 2 **approved** the proposed Government Response to the Strategy, as set out in Annex A to the paper under CAB-22-SUB-0362, which includes the following focus areas:
 - 2.1 ensuring the existing commitments are delivered well;
 - 2.2 strengthening partnerships with, and opportunities for, Māori;
 - 2.3 building the capacity and capability of the government and of the infrastructure workforce to deliver and maintain infrastructure;
- 3 **authorised** the Minister for Infrastructure to approve any minor or editorial changes to the Government Response prior to its public release;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister for Infrastructure will present a copy of the Government Response to the House of Representatives, on or before 10 September 2022;
- 5 **agreed** that an Action Plan be developed to set out the next steps the government will take in response to the Strategy, with any new actions primarily focused within the priority areas listed in paragraph 2 above;
- 6 **agreed** that Te Waihanga will lead the development of a reporting programme, in consultation with officials from the Treasury and other relevant agencies;
- 7 **invited** the Minister for Infrastructure to report back to DEV to seek approval of the final Action Plan and reporting programme to support the implementation of the Government Response, by December 2022;

Work to enhance the resilience of critical infrastructure

8 **agreed** that, to deliver on recommendations 25, 26 and 28 of the Strategy, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC, on behalf of the Minister for National Security and Intelligence) as lead agency, and with input from other relevant agencies, will commence a programme of work with the intent of enhancing the resilience of New Zealand's critical infrastructure system against all hazards and risks;

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10 **agreed** that, as part of the Government Response to the Strategy, the government will announce that it is progressing a critical infrastructure work programme and will commence public consultation on this work in early-2023;

Initial actions and announcements

11 **noted** that matters listed as priorities are being advanced;

12 **agreed** that an initial tranche of actions be progressed before the Action Plan is finalised, including:

- 12.1 undertaking a 'State of Play' of current Māori engagement activity for infrastructure (this responds to recommendation 1a of the Strategy);
- 12.2 exploration of an Infrastructure Priority List for New Zealand (this responds to recommendation 40 of the Strategy);
- 12.3 exploration of options for maximising the development of leaders across the public sector, including the option of an Academy (this responds to recommendation 68 of the Strategy);

13 note that the Minister for Infrastructure, in consultation with the relevant portfolio Ministers, will make announcements setting out the Government Response to the Strategy, including work that is planned and underway;

Financial implications

14 **noted** that:

- 14.1 the delivery of some of the activities outlined in paragraphs 8 – 10 above, the Government Response and the subsequent Action Plan may require funding through the annual Budget process;
- 14.2 if assumed funding is not included in the Budget package, some activities will need to be funded through reprioritisation of existing baselines, or be reconsidered.

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