



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Fisheries Electronic Monitoring on Vessels Regulations 2017: Technical Amendment

**Portfolio**                      **Fisheries**

On 29 January 2019, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** that the Fisheries (Electronic Monitoring on Vessels) Regulations 2017 (the Regulations) came into force on 1 October 2018 and provide for a staged rollout of electronic monitoring of commercial fishing vessels using on-board cameras;
- 2        **noted** that the Regulations cannot be practically complied with by commercial fishers because detailed requirements have not been set and suppliers are not geared up to provide equipment;
- 3        **agreed** to amend the application date of the Regulations, as a holding position, to 1 August 2019 for the first three stages that are identified in schedule 1 of the Regulations;
- 4        s9(2)(f) [REDACTED]  
(iv) [REDACTED]
- 5        **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Fisheries (Electronic Monitoring on Vessels) Amendment Regulations 2019 [PCO 21958/5.0];
- 6        **noted** that a waiver of the 28-day rule is sought:
  - 6.1      so that the Amendment Regulations can come into force before 31 January 2019 in order to avoid a situation where fishers cannot practically comply with legal obligations; and
  - 6.2      on the grounds that the changes delay rather than impose any requirements on industry and avoid a compliance gap;
- 7        **agreed** to a waiver of the 28-day rule so that the Amendment Regulations can come into force on 31 January 2019.

**Michael Webster**  
Secretary of the Cabinet

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