



# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Overhaul of the Biosecurity Act 1993: Terms of Reference

**Portfolio**                      **Biosecurity**

On 19 June 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Ministry for Primary Industries is undertaking a major overhaul of the Biosecurity Act 1993, and that this is likely to generate strong stakeholder interest;
- 2        **noted** that the overhaul of the Biosecurity Act will include extensive engagement and consultation, with approximate dates as follows:
  - 2.1      policy development and engagement with affected stakeholders: until December 2019;
  - 2.2      public consultation: between February and April 2020;
  - 2.3      Cabinet policy decisions: by June 2020;
  - 2.4      legislative drafting: by November 2020;
  - 2.5      Bill ready for introduction: in December 2020;
- 3        **approved** the terms of reference for the overhaul of the Biosecurity Act, attached as Appendix One to the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0168.

Janine Harvey  
Committee Secretary

**Present:**

Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Julie Anne Genter  
Hon Eugenie Sage

**Officials present from:**

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Minister for Biosecurity