

Hon Michael Wood
Transport

Enabling Drone Integration: Release of Discussion Document

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Description

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Title: OC210083 Briefing: Enabling Drone Integration – Final Cabinet paper and discussion document

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Hon Michael Wood
Minister of Transport**Action required by:**
Friday, 19 February 2021

ENABLING DRONE INTEGRATION- FINAL DRAFT CABINET PAPER AND DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

Purpose

To provide you with an updated copy of discussion document *Enabling Drone Integration* for your approval and to seek agreement to take it to Cabinet.

Key points

- On 11 December 2020, the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) briefed you on the proposal set in the draft discussion document *Enabling Drone Integration* and accompanying Cabinet paper [OC200841 refers]. As requested, we provided you with a further briefing on registration and the consent provision on 4 February 2021 [OC210051].
- In light of this further briefing, you requested amendments be made to the discussion document. We have attached an updated version of this document, with tracked changes, to reflect your comments. Those comments were to include further options for feedback on:
 - 'Safe distances' and other controls as per international examples referred to in the briefing; and
 - a range of possible privacy controls as per the same international examples.
- Specifically, you will find tracked changes on the Consent Provision, from page 26 paragraphs 96-100, and questions on page 32; and on Registration, from page 42 paragraphs 170-174.
- We have also attached the updated draft Cabinet paper for your consideration. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment added an additional section, with new paragraphs 12 and 13 to refer to the Airspace Integration Trial Programme and emphasise on the existing partnership between Government and industry.
- If you agree with the amendments to the Discussion Document and draft Cabinet paper, the next stage would be to seek Cabinet approval to publicly consult on the proposal.

Recommendations

We recommend you:

- 1 **note** the amendments in the draft Cabinet paper and discussion document: Yes / No
Enabling Drone Integration.

- 2 **agree** to seek Cabinet approval to release *Enabling Drone Integration* for public Yes / No
consultation.

Tom Forster
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Minister of Transport

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- Minister's office to complete:**
- Approved Declined
 - Seen by Minister Not seen by Minister
 - Overtaken by events

Comments

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Annex 1: Draft Cabinet Paper and Discussion Document: *Enabling Drone Integration*

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