

Hon Michael Wood
Transport

Enabling Drone Integration: Release of Discussion Document

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Portfolio Transport

On 17 March 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that on 19 June 2019, DEV:
 - 1.1 approved the release of a document *Taking Flight: An Aviation System for the Autonomous Age*, which sets out the government's vision and strategy for integrating drones into the New Zealand aviation system;
 - 1.2 noted that transport officials are exploring and investigating policy options to review and update New Zealand drone regulatory settings, and that further advice will be submitted to DEV on these issues in due course;

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- 2 **noted** that the discussion document *Enabling Drone Integration* (the discussion document), attached to the paper under DEV-21-SUB-0033, seeks feedback on a proposed approach to enhance the New Zealand drone regulatory regime and enable the integration of drones into the civil aviation system;
- 3 **approved** the release of the discussion document for a six week consultation period, subject to any minor or editorial changes that may be required;
- 4 **invited** the Minister of Transport to report back to DEV in mid-June 2021 on the outcome of the consultation and with final policy proposals.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

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