



Cabinet

CAB Min (01) 31/14

Minute of Decision

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Convenor, Ministerial Group on Climate Change

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Climate Change: Paper 4: Economic Development Opportunities

On 8 October 2001, following reference from the Cabinet Policy Committee (POL), Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that Cabinet has agreed that the planned government communication strategy on climate change, should emphasise that there will be business opportunities arising from any policy changes as well as costs [CAB Min (01) 31/13];
- 2 **invited** the Convenor, Ministerial Group on Climate Change (Hon Pete Hodgson) to explore options for further research into business opportunities associated with climate change, in consultation with the New Zealand Business Council for Sustainable Development, and report to the Cabinet Policy Committee by 15 February 2002;
- 3 **directed** officials to facilitate further meetings of interested parties from both the private and public sectors tasked with:
 - 3.1 identifying any further opportunities for enhanced networking and collaboration;
 - 3.2 assisting to identify synergies with sector strategies;

- 3.3 addressing other issues, such as:
 - 3.3.1 effective communication of business opportunities throughout the economy;
 - 3.3.2 overcoming cultural barriers, particularly in the private sector, to becoming “climate friendly”; and
 - 3.3.3 identifying elements of the domestic regulatory environment where there may be detrimental effect on the ability of New Zealand companies to respond to climate change issues. (For example, if application of the Building Act or Local Government Act was inhibiting the use of new climate change friendly technology);
- 4 **directed** officials to report to POL by 15 February 2002 on the findings of subsequent meetings, the investigations into branding/certification options, and actions other countries are taking in this realm of economic development related to climate change;
- 5 **noted** the private sector’s desire for prompt clarification and dissemination of government policy related to climate change;
- 6 **noted** that the next steps will include a specific focus on Maori economic development opportunities associated with climate change;
- 7 **approved** the public release of the paper under CAB (01) 574 to facilitate the next stage of collaboration with the business sector and other relevant organisations.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (01) 574; POL Min (01) 26/10