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Minister	Hon Dr David Clark	Portfolio	Digital Economy and Communications
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List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
September 2022	Release of the Lifting Connectivity in Aotearoa Publication	Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications
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Information redacted

NO

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Lifting Connectivity in Aotearoa: Public Release

Portfolio **Digital Economy and Communications**

On 28 September 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that:
 - 1.1 despite considerable investment in digital connectivity infrastructure and progress to date, there remain connectivity challenges in rural and peri-urban parts of New Zealand;
 - 1.2 there is an ongoing role for government to ensure that New Zealand's connectivity infrastructure meets the government's needs and aspirations;
- 2 **noted** that the *Lifting Connectivity in Aotearoa* publication (the publication), attached as Appendix 1 to the paper under DEV-22-SUB-0231, is intended to set out the government's long-term vision for connectivity in New Zealand by building on the successful foundations of government connectivity programmes and setting out a Statement of Intent for 2022 to 2032;
- 3 **noted** that the design of the publication is still being finalised, but that the design sample attached as Appendix 2 to the paper under DEV-22-SUB-0231, is indicative of the intended style and the design will complement the design of the *Digital Strategy for Aotearoa* publication;
- 4 **agreed** to the release of the publication, subject to paragraphs 5 and 6 below;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications to make any final edits to the publication necessary to improve the readability or accuracy, and to incorporate any further amendments that may be authorised by Cabinet;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications to approve the final design of the publication, in keeping with the style as described in paragraph 3 above;
- 7 **noted** that the publication will be launched by the end of 2022 at a public-facing event;

- 8 **noted** that as part of the work on considering the government's ongoing role in connectivity, officials are looking into opportunities to extend high quality broadband to more New Zealanders in the future, particularly in rural and peri-urban areas.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Priyanka Radhakrishnan
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Rino Tirikatene, MP
Dr Deborah Russell, MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV