



# Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Fees for Tourism Concessionaires from 1 January 2022

**Portfolio** Conservation

On 28 October 2021, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

- 1 **noted** that:
  - 1.1 in June 2020, Tourism Recovery Ministers agreed to waive activity, management and monitoring fees for tourism concessionaires that were payable for the period 1 March 2020 to 30 June 2021;
  - 1.2 \$25 million from the Tourism Recovery Fund was transferred to the Department of Conservation (DoC) to fund this;
- 2 **noted** that in April 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee agreed to extend the fee waiver for an additional six months to 31 December 2021, with up to \$10 million of funding being made available to DOC from the government's \$200 million Tourism Communities:Support, Recovery and Re-set plan [DEV-21-MIN-0067];
- 3 **noted** that as part of the above package Cabinet directed DoC to undertake a review of the impact on tourism concessionaires, with the Minister for Conservation reporting back to Cabinet in October 2021;
- 4 **noted** that the current concession fee waiver lapses on 31 December 2021;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister of Conservation recommends that concession fees for tourism concessionaires be reinstated from 1 January 2022;
- 6 **agreed** to reinstate concession fees for tourism concessionaires effective 1 January 2022.

Vivien Meek  
Committee Secretary

**Attendees (see over)**

**Present:**

Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon David Parker (Chair)  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Michael Wood  
Hon Kiri Allan  
Rino Tirikatene, MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for ENV