



# Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Next Stages of the Predator Free 2050 Programme

**Portfolio**                      **Conservation**

On 9 April 2025, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

#### Background

- 1        **noted** that in July 2016, Cabinet agreed to a national predator free goal, which seeks to eradicate three of the most harmful invasive animal predators (possums, mustelids and rats) from the country by 2050 (PF2050) [CAB-16-MIN-0335];

#### Public consultation on PF2050 Strategy

- 2        **authorised** the Minister of Conservation (the Minister) to release *Predator Free 2050: Strategy review discussion document* (the discussion document), attached as Appendix 1 to the paper under ECO-25-SUB-0050, for public consultation on the future direction of the PF2050 strategy with PF2050 partners and stakeholders, Iwi/Māori, environmental NGOs and community groups;
- 3        **noted** that the Minister will report back to Cabinet in late 2025 seeking approval to a revised PF2050 strategy;
- 4        **noted** that the Department of Conservation (DoC) will update its PF2050 implementation plan to outline how partners will deliver the strategy, following the strategy review;

#### Disestablishment of Predator Free 2050 Limited

- 5        **agreed** to disestablish Predator Free 2050 Limited (the Company) in 2025/26;
- 6        **authorised** the Minister to direct DoC to work with the Company to commence the disestablishment process, including transferring functions, management of existing contracts, and removing the Company from Schedule 4A of the Public Finance Act 1989;
- 7        **noted** that the Minister will provide an update on the disestablishment of the Company as part of the report back noted in paragraph 3 above;
- 8        **authorised** the Minister to communicate any Cabinet decision to disestablish the Company to the Chair of the Board ahead of Budget Day 2005 announcements to allow the process to begin;

**Exploring investment models for PF2050**

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Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon David Seymour  
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)  
Hon Chris Bishop  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Simeon Brown  
Hon Erica Stanford  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Louise Upston  
Hon Dr Shane Reti  
Hon Tama Potaka  
Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Chris Penk  
Hon Penny Simmonds  
Hon Andrew Hoggard  
Hon Nicola Grigg  
Hon Scott Simpson  
Hon Mark Patterson  
Simon Court MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of Hon Chris Bishop  
Office of Hon Simon Watts  
Officials Committee for ECO