



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Southern Positioning Augmentation Network: Progress Report

Portfolio Land Information

On 16 November 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that on 21 March 2022, Cabinet authorised a group of Ministers, comprising the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Land Information, to have Power to Act to take certain decisions regarding New Zealand's participation in the Southern Positioning Augmentation Network (SouthPAN) [CAB-22-MIN-0083];
- 2 **noted** that on 27 March 2022, the group of Ministers referred to above agreed to additional funding and to continue New Zealand's participation in SouthPAN [BRF 22-298];
- 3 **noted** that on 28 August 2022, the Minister of Finance agreed to an indemnity to Geoscience Australia;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister of Finance, the Minister for Land Information and the Minister of Transport, acting under delegated authority [CAB-19-MIN-0421], have approved the Implementation Business Case for SouthPAN;
- 5 **noted** that on 13 September 2022, Geoscience Australia and Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) signed the On Supply Agreement;
- 6 **noted** that the SouthPAN Joint Governance Board is responsible for SouthPAN delivery, managing the overall strategic relationship between Geoscience Australia and LINZ, and making decisions related to the strategic direction of the project;
- 7 **noted** that initial operating capability for SouthPAN commenced on 26 September 2022;

Costs

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Risks

- 10 **noted** that cost escalation and other key risks identified to date are being actively managed;
- 11 **noted** that LINZ (alongside Geoscience Australia) is reviewing and revising risks and mitigations as part of the transition into the implementation phase of SouthPAN;

Further report

- 12 **invited** the Minister for Land Information to report back to DEV on SouthPAN's progress in May 2023 and again in November 2023.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon David Parker
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene, MP
Dr Deborah Russell, MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV