



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Land Information New Zealand: New Fees for Survey and Title Services

Portfolio Land Information

On 9 June 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that on 24 February 2021, DEV agreed to the release of a consultation document on proposed fees for Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) survey and title services, and invited the Minister for Land Information to report back following the consultation [DEV-21-MIN-0009];
- 2 **noted** that:
 - 2.1 the consultation was undertaken between 4 March and 9 April 2021;
 - 2.2 of the 19 submissions received on the fee proposals, legal and property information stakeholders indicated a general level of comfort with the proposals, while survey submitters generally disagreed with the proposals;
- 3 **noted** that the Minister for Land Information has considered the consultation feedback and proposes to implement all the proposals as consulted, along with the following additional changes:
 - 3.1 remove licence fees;
 - 3.2 merge two title fees to bring them into line with current practice, whereby LINZ will charge these two fees as a combined charge;
- 4 **noted** that the broad effect of the proposals (as set out in full in Appendix 1 to the paper under DEV-21-SUB-0127) is to:
 - 4.1 increase the electronic search fee from \$5 to \$6 and the manual search fee from \$15 to \$25;
 - 4.2 increase title fees by 13 percent on average;
 - 4.3 increase survey fees by 57 percent on average;
 - 4.4 remove some redundant fees, merge two fees, and update the description of other fees to address service developments and minor problems with the wording of current fees;

- 5 **noted** that the proposed changes to survey and title fees will come into force on 1 November 2021;
- 6 **noted** that LINZ will complete another survey and title third party fees review when the Survey and Title Enhancement Programme is completed in 2023;
- 7 **agreed** to amend the Land Transfer Regulations 2018, the Cadastral Survey (Fees) Regulations 2003, and the Land Information New Zealand (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2003 to implement the above proposals;
- 8 **invited** the Minister for Land Information to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above paragraphs;
- 9 **authorised** the Minister for Land Information to make decisions on any further minor or technical issues required to implement the above proposals.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene, MP
Dr Deborah Russell, MP

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for DEV

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