



Report Title:	Ministerial consultation – Transfer of residual North Island Weather Event recovery activities from 1 July 2025		
Report No:	2024-0224		
Date:	5 November 2024		
To:	Hon Nicola Willis, Minister for the Public Service		
Action Sought:	agree to include a recommendation to revoke the Public Service (Chief Executive Cyclone Recovery) Order 2023	Due Date	11 November 2024
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Encl:	No		
Security Level:	IN CONFIDENCE	Priority:	Medium

Purpose of Report

1. You are being consulted by the Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery on the Cabinet paper *Transfer of residual North Island Weather Event recovery activities from 1 July 2025*. We think the paper should also invite you to prepare the relevant drafting instructions to disestablish the position of functional Chief Executive, Cyclone Recovery.

The Cabinet paper seeks to transfer Cyclone Recovery Functions

2. The Cabinet paper recommends the transfer of residual Cyclone Recovery functions to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and DPMC from 1 July 2025.
3. DIA will inherit the remaining Future of Severely Affected Locations (FOSAL) activities, including oversight of funding agreements with Auckland, Tairāwhiti, and Hawke's Bay.
4. DPMC will take on responsibility for administration of the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation Act 2023, recovery policy settings and decision-making tools, and some reporting obligations.
5. The paper also seeks to transfer associated appropriations.

The paper should invite you to disestablish the Chief Executive, Cyclone Recovery role

6. We support these proposals. As a result, the existing functional Chief Executive Cyclone Recovery (CE-CR) will no longer be needed.
7. The CE-CR role was established via the Public Service (Chief Executive Cyclone Recovery) Order 2023. To disestablish the role will require a further Order in Council, for which you would be responsible as Minister for the Public Service.
8. We consider there to be an opportunity to include an invitation to you to instruct the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft the Order in Council necessary to disestablish the CE-CR role from 1 July 2025.

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9. While this could be achieved closer to 1 July 2025, doing so would require a further Cabinet decision. This would be time consuming and unnecessary given the opportunity in this Cabinet paper.
10. For this reason, we seek your agreement to include the appropriate recommendations in the Cabinet paper to disestablish the CE-CR position.

Next Steps

11. If you agree, we will work with officials at DPMC to include this recommendation in the final Cabinet paper, together with corresponding text in the body of the paper, by 12 November.
12. We would work with PCO to develop the appropriate Order in Council, and draft a paper for you to take to the Cabinet Legislation Committee, in 2025.

Recommended Action

We recommend that you:

- a **note** that we support the proposals in the draft Cabinet paper *Transfer of residual North Island Weather Event recovery activities from 1 July 2025*.
- b **note** that the proposals in that paper would see residual functions and associated appropriations of the functional Chief Executive, Cyclone Recovery transferred to other agencies
- c **agree** that the paper include appropriate recommendations to allow you to disestablish the Chief Executive, Cyclone Recovery position, effective 1 July 2025
Agree/disagree
- d **note** that we support this as it would save time and further Cabinet consideration.
- e **agree** that this paper be released following consideration by you and relevant Cabinet decisions being taken
Agree/disagree

Hon Nicola Willis

Minister for the Public Service

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