



Draft Cabinet paper and Open Government Partnership National Action Plan for consultation

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	Actions Sought	Due Date
Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for the Public Service	note the attached draft Cabinet paper and National Action Plan	18 October 2022
	agree to proceed to ministerial and agency consultation	18 October 2022

Enclosure: Yes – draft Cabinet paper, Draft National Action Plan – appendix A, Potential additional commitments for consideration – appendix B

- 1 This report provides you with an updated draft Cabinet paper for the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Fourth National Action Plan (NAP4). Also included is a draft NAP4 (Appendix A) including six supported commitments.
- 2 A further five ‘potential additional commitments for consideration’ (Appendix B) is also attached. These additional commitments do not have an agreed agency lead.
- 3 The paper and appendices include changes made in response to feedback from a number of sources including:
 - a. your request to include details of all eleven potential commitments for Ministerial consultation
 - b. feedback from Civil Society representatives during your meeting with them on 5 October 2022
 - c. agency and stakeholder feedback during the development of the commitments, including feedback concerning the five commitments that do not have an agency lead.
- 4 Key changes include:

- a. Strengthening links to Te Tiriti
 - b. Introduction of a model standard for community engagement
 - c. Inclusion of all eleven commitments as well as civil society and agency feedback
- 5 We have consulted extensively with lead agencies in developing the Plan and commitments. Due to time constraints, we will be undertaking agency consultation concurrently with Ministerial consultation.
 - 6 Pending any further feedback from you or your Office, the attached draft paper and appendices can be used to support ministerial consultation, with a view to lodging the paper and draft Plan for consideration at the GOV Committee meeting on 17 November 2022.
 - 7 Post consultation, we will provide a summary of consultation feedback to Civil Society representatives, as you agreed in the meeting on 5 October 2022. We will report any additional comments from them to you prior to the GOV Committee meeting on 17 November.
 - 8 To meet OGP requirements the Plan must be finalised, including a two-week period for public consultation prior to year-end. In order to meet this timeframe, you may wish to follow the timeline below.

Tuesday 18 October – Monday 31 October	Ministerial and agency consultation
Tuesday 8 November	Revised paper (final) for lodgement
Thursday 10 November	Lodge paper
Thursday 17 November	GOV Committee
Monday 21 November	Cabinet
Wednesday 23 November – Wednesday 7 December	Public consultation
Friday 9 December – Friday 16 December	Finalise Plan for publication
Monday 19 December	Publish Plan

Recommended Action

We recommend that you:

- a **note** the draft Cabinet paper (and two appendices) *‘New Zealand’s Fourth Open Government Partnership National Action Plan’* (attached)
- b **note** the draft Cabinet paper and appendices incorporate changes made in response to feedback from:

- a. Your request to include all proposed commitments for consultation, comprising six supported and five unsupported commitments.
 - b. Feedback from Civil Society representatives; and
 - c. Agency feedback received during the development process.
- c. **note that** of the five commitments that do not currently have leads, two had strong support from Civil Society and our EAP, and in our view their inclusion would significantly strengthen the current Plan. They are:
 - a. Strengthen the transparency and accountability of government agencies' use of algorithms (potential lead Stats NZ)
 - b. Establish an integrated, multi-channel approach to public services (potential lead Inland Revenue in their transformation system lead role). This commitment aligns with the Citizens Advice Bureau led digital exclusion petition
- d. **note** that feedback from agencies concerning those commitments without an agreed agency lead can be summarised as, not a current priority or part of their work programme, insufficient resources, and lack of budget to finance the commitments.
- e. **note** that subject to Ministerial feedback follow up discussions with individual Ministers may be needed for any additional commitments.
- f. **note** the proposed GOV committee date for this paper is 17 November 2022.
- g. **agree** to proceed to ministerial consultation, pending any further feedback that you have on the draft paper.

Agree/disagree.

- h. **agree** that Te Kawa Mataaho release this briefing in accordance with proactive release requirements and guidance once Cabinet has considered the Cabinet paper.

Agree/disagree.

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister for the Public Service