

Proactive Release

Date: 15 February 2022

The following Cabinet paper and related Cabinet minutes have been proactively released by the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Title	Reference
<i>Minute of Decision: Aotearoa New Zealand Antarctic and Southern Research Directions and Priorities 2021-2030</i>	ENV-21-SUB-0071
<i>Report of the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee: Period Ended 10 December 2021</i>	CAB-21-MIN-0530
<i>Aotearoa New Zealand Antarctic and Southern Ocean Research Directions and Priorities 2021-2030</i>	
<i>Annex</i>	

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Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

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Aotearoa New Zealand Antarctic and Southern Ocean Research Directions and Priorities 2021–2030

Portfolios **Research, Science and Innovation / Oceans and Fisheries / Foreign Affairs / Conservation**

On 9 December 2021, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV):

- 1 noted that on 1 July 2021, ENV invited the Minister of Foreign Affairs to report back to the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee on the public consultation process on the draft Antarctic Research Directions and Priorities, and provide a final version of the *Antarctic Research Directions and Priorities* for approval in late 2021 ENV-21-MIN-0035];
- 2 **noted** that submissions received during public consultation have been carefully considered and applied, where appropriate, to the *Antarctic Research Directions and Priorities*;
- 3 **approved** the *Antarctic Research Directions and Priorities* attached as Annex A to the paper under ENV-21-SUB-0071;
- 4 **invited** the Minister of Climate Change to join as co-signatory of the *Antarctic Research Directions and Priorities*;
- 5 **noted** the commitment to a review of the *Antarctic Research Directions and Priorities* no later than 2026, after which officials will report back to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Research, Science and Innovation, the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries, the Minister of Conservation, and the Minister of Climate Change.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for ENV