



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio **Associate Health (Hon Jenny Salesa)**

On 19 February 2020, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee, having been authorised by Cabinet to have Power to Act [CAB-20-MIN-0038]:

- 1 **noted** that a category 2 priority is being sought for the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Bill on the 2020 Legislation Programme (must be passed in 2020);
- 2 **noted** that the Bill will improve the regulation of vaping and smokeless tobacco products and seeks to strike a balance between protecting young people from the risks associated with these products and supporting smokers to switch to much less harmful alternatives;
- 3 **approved** the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Bill [PCO 20368/15.0] for introduction, subject to the final approval of the government caucuses and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 4 **agreed** that the Associate Minister of Health (Hon Jenny Salesa) may authorise minor and technical changes to the Bill ahead of its introduction;
- 5 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced before the end of February 2020;
- 6 **agreed** that the government propose that the Bill be:
 - 6.1 referred to the Health Committee for a period of three-months;
 - 6.2 enacted by 31 July 2020.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Aupito William Sio
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Julie Anne Genter
Jan Logie, MP

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for SWC
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Associate Minister of Health



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Additional Item: Power to Act for SWC on 19 February 2020

Portfolio **Associate Health (Hon Jenny Salesa)**

On 17 February 2020, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that at its meeting on 19 February 2020 the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) will be considering a paper on *Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction* [SWC-20-SUB-0005];
- 2 **authorised** SWC to have Power to Act at its meeting on 19 February 2020 to take decisions on the submission, if required.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Prime Minister
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Associate Minister of Health (Hon Jenny Salesa)

