

Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee

Minute of Decision

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Updating Fees for LINZ Survey and Title Services: Final Proposals

Portfolio Land Information

On 15 October 2024, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee:

- noted that, following agreement from the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee in April 2024 [EXP-24-MIN-0017], Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) publicly consulted from 29 April to 7 June 2024 on proposed new fees for survey and title services;
- 2 **noted** that of 38 submissions received, most submitters supported the need for a fee increase and the majority of those expressing a preference favoured the recommended option of a cost recovery update to all fees;
- **noted** that having considered the consultation feedback, the proposals include the following adjustments to the recommended option, referred to in paragraph 2 above:
 - increase the fee to search for survey and title information to \$8 (rather than \$9);
 - 3.2 increase the fees for electronic title registrations by an additional \$5;
 - 3.3 increase the fee for manual title registrations by an additional \$9;
- 4 **noted** that an independent review by KPMG has found that it is reasonable for LINZ to increase survey and title fees in line with the investment made to improve the Landonline service;
- agreed to the final proposals for updated survey and title fees attached as Appendix 2 to the paper under EXP-24-SUB-0054;
- agreed to amend the Land Transfer Regulations 2018, Cadastral Survey (Fees) Regulations 2003, and Land Information New Zealand (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2003 to implement the final proposals;
- 7 **invited** the Minister for Land Information to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to these recommendations;

authorised the Minister for Land Information to make decisions on any further minor or technical issues required to implement the proposals as set out in these recommendations.

Sam Moffett Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour (Chair)

Hon Nicola Willis

Hon Chris Bishop

Hon Simeon Brown

Hon Erica Stanford

Hon Louise Upston

Hon Mark Mitchell

Hon Simon Watts

Hon Brooke van Velden

Hon Casey Costello

Hon Andrew Bayly

Hon Chris Penk

Hon Andrew Hoggard

Hon Mark Patterson

Simon Court MP

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