

# Final Draft Cabinet Paper on the National Infrastructure Plan

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To	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Chris Bishop, Minister for Infrastructure	Review the attached draft Cabinet paper, which reflects Departmental feedback Direct Treasury officials to lodge the paper on 18 July, for consideration by ECO Cabinet Committee on 24 July	18 July 2024

## Attachments

- Attachment 1: Final Draft National Infrastructure Plan Cabinet paper (clean copy)
- Attachment 2: Final Draft National Infrastructure Plan Cabinet paper (tracked changes copy)

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## Purpose

- Attached is the updated draft Cabinet paper on the National Infrastructure Plan (the Plan), incorporating feedback received through departmental consultation.
- The draft Cabinet paper sets out the purpose and scope of the Plan, and the proposed cross-agency approach for its development. It also outlines how central and local government agencies can assist with development of the Plan.

3. Following your review, and incorporation of any feedback received from Ministerial consultation, this paper is ready to be lodged with Cabinet office on 18 July, for consideration at ECO Cabinet Committee on 24 July.

## Feedback received during Departmental Consultation

4. There are no substantive changes to the draft paper sent to you on 4 July (TW-2024-440) following Departmental feedback. Key changes include:
  - Throughout: clarification that the Infrastructure Priorities Programme will only assess un-funded projects that are voluntarily submitted to the Commission by agencies.
  - Paragraph 7: addition to show how the Plan will support the development of City and Regional Deals and other priorities, such as fast track consenting.
  - Paragraph 25: addition to clarify that there is no requirement for agencies, such as the NZ Transport Agency, to submit projects to the Infrastructure Priorities Programme that would be assessed and self-funded through their existing processes, such as the National Land Transport Programme/Fund.
  - Paragraph 43: clarification that government agencies with infrastructure-related functions will continue to be involved in the development of the National Infrastructure Plan.
5. The final bullet point, above, reflects that the bulk of the departmental feedback received relates to decisions that will be made during the development of the Plan, rather than setting the scope, purpose, process and timeframe for the Plan (the focus of this paper).
6. More substantial feedback was received from the NZ Transport Agency and the NZ Defence Force about the detail of how the Plan will be developed and implemented. We have addressed this feedback where possible in the paper, and have also booked follow up meetings with those agencies to discuss development of the Plan in more detail.

## Next Steps

7. Please review the attached draft paper and, following inclusion of feedback from Ministerial consultation, approve the paper to be finalised for lodgement on 18 July for consideration at ECO Cabinet Committee on 24 July.
8. We will provide speaking points for the Cabinet Committee next week ahead of the meeting.