



## Proactive Release

The following Cabinet minute has been proactively released by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, on behalf of Hon Peeni Henare, Minister of Civil Defence:

Additional Item: Tasman Fires: Update

Date of release: 4 November 2019

The following documents have been included in this release:

***Title of Minute: Additional Item: Tasman Fires: Update (CAB-19-MIN-0027 refers)***

No information has been withheld.



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Additional Item: Tasman Fires: Update

**Portfolio**                      **Civil Defence**

On 11 February 2019, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** the briefing from the Minister of Civil Defence on the situation in regard to the fires in the Nelson Tasman region that have led to a civil defence emergency being declared and the evacuation of a large number of properties and people;
- 2        **noted** that the main impacts include: fire damage to forestry, agricultural land and infrastructure; evacuations; stock damage and losses; and psychosocial impacts on those affected;
- 3        **noted** that the government has provided an initial commitment of \$20,000 to the Mayoral Relief Fund established by the Tasman District Council and that the Minister of Civil Defence is considering a further contribution;
- 4        **noted** that as of the morning of 11 February 2019 the fire appears to be contained, although the situation remains dynamic.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet

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