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.
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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