Framework to accelerate progress towards accessibility in Aotearoa New Zealand

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The following Cabinet documents have been proactively released:

- 17 June 2020, Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee Minute [SWC-20-MIN-0074]
- 17 June 2020, Cabinet paper: Framework to accelerate progress towards accessibility in Aotearoa New Zealand
- 22 June 2020, Cabinet Minute [CAB-19-MIN-0594].

The Cabinet paper Framework to accelerate progress towards accessibility in Aotearoa New Zealand sought Cabinet approval for officials to undertake further work on detailed aspects of a legislative framework on accessibility, which will act as a vehicle for progressive implementation of accessibility over time.

Please note
In the Cabinet paper, words are missing from the ends of paragraphs 55 and 57. These paragraphs are provided below in full.

Paragraph 55: Before I present a comprehensive policy proposal to Cabinet for approval, more work is required on detailed aspects of the framework (discussed at para 33 and Appendix Two).

Paragraph 57: The detailed work will be carried out in consultation with relevant agencies and stakeholders and will include finalising proposed institutional arrangements to support the functions of a new system. A range of functions and powers will be needed as part of institutional arrangements under a new system. More detail about the range of functions and what upcoming work on institutional arrangements will cover is set out in Appendix Three.

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