



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Oral Item: Accelerating Accessibility Update

**Portfolio**                      **Disability Issues**

On 19 May 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):

- 1        **noted** that in June 2020, SWC:
  - 1.1      noted that accelerating accessibility offers a unique opportunity to make New Zealand a global leader by encouraging design for accessibility;
  - 1.2      agreed that officials progress work on detailed aspects of a legislative framework, in consultation with relevant agencies and stakeholders;
  - 1.3      invited the Minister for Disability Issues (the Minister) to report back in May 2021, seeking agreement to a complete policy proposal to accelerate accessibility;

[SWC-20-MIN-0074];
- 2        **noted** that officials have been working in partnership with Access Alliance on a range of approaches to a legislative framework that will ensure a more inclusive and accessible Aotearoa;
- 3        **noted** that officials will consult with key stakeholders across the public sector, business, and wider community to ensure that the final policy approach is robust;
- 4        **noted** that the Minister intends to report back in September 2021 seeking agreement to a complete policy proposal to accelerate accessibility.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Jan Tinetti  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Hon Meka Whaitiri

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of the SWC Chair  
Officials Committee for SWC