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Briefing Note: Draft Cabinet paper Fees-Free Tertiary Education and Training: improvements for 2019

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Summary

- This note provides a draft Cabinet paper, *Fees-Free Tertiary Education and Training: improvements for 2019*, reflecting decisions in a recent paper: 'Proposed changes to fees-free policy for 2019' [METIS 1135149 refers].
- We propose working towards finalising this Cabinet paper in time for lodgement with the Cabinet Office by 10am Thursday 2 August, for consideration by Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee on Wednesday 8 August and Cabinet consideration on 13 August.
- We have consulted with the Tertiary Education Commission, the Ministry of Social Development, Inland Revenue, the Treasury, the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the State Services Commission on the draft Cabinet paper.
- We recommend that you:
 - provide any feedback on the draft Cabinet paper
 - consult your Ministerial colleagues on the draft Cabinet paper, and
 - **agree** to proactively release this Briefing Note and the final Cabinet paper once final decisions have been made (and following any Cabinet agreement).



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Agree / Disagree

(Hon Chris Hipkins)

Noted Hon Hipkins
2/8/18
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