



Briefing Note: Talking points for LEG committee for Mason petition response

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is to provide you with talking points to present the Government Response to the Mason Petition at the Cabinet Legislation committee on 28 October 2021, before it is presented to the House on 1 November.

Summary

- On 3 June 2021, Angela Mason submitted petition 2020/82: "We need a high school on the Pohutukawa Coast". This petition was referred by the Petitions Committee to your office for a direct government response.
- A government response has been prepared [METIS 1269531 refers] which you are presenting to the Cabinet Legislation Committee on 28 October 2021. This response is to be approved by Cabinet for presentation to the House on 1 November 2021.
- Talking points have been prepared for you (Annex 1).



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Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

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Background

- 1 On 3 June 2021, Angela Mason, on behalf of Pōhutukawa Coast communities, presented a formal submission to the Education and Workforce Committee, with supporting data and evidence, letters of support from Franklin Local Board and surrounding primary schools, and a written petition signed by 3,600 people, to highlight the need for a new secondary school for the Pōhutukawa Coast, Auckland.
- 2 Pursuant to standing order 380, the Petitions Committee referred the petition to the Minister of Education for direct response.
- 3 The proposed Government Response [METIS 1269531 refers] broadly outlines that the Ministry agrees that new secondary schooling is likely to be needed, but only if the potential residential development at Formosa Golf Course proceeds. If this were to happen, it is likely a new secondary school would be needed by 2030.
- 4 The response also outlines that the Ministry has been in contact with the petitioners to discuss this matter, as well as developers and Auckland Council. The community representatives are aware of the Ministry's position and the likely timing for a new school should the Formosa development go ahead.
- 5 You are scheduled to present the Government Response to the Cabinet Legislation (LEG) Committee on 28 November 2021.
- 6 Following Cabinet approval, the response will be presented to the House on 1 November 2021.
- 7 Talking points to support your presentation are attached as Annex 1.

Annexes

Annex 1: Talking points