



Briefing Note: NCEA review – further revisions to Cabinet Paper

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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Summary

- This Briefing Note provides you with a further draft of the Cabinet Paper (attached as Annex A) seeking Cabinet's in-principle agreement to your proposed change package to strengthen NCEA. This further draft reflects feedback you provided to us on 15 April.
- The major changes in this version of the Cabinet Paper are to:
 - Integrate Changes 4 and 5, and remove the 'breadth requirement' from the change proposals
 - Provide a more detailed assessment of the steps to be taken between Cabinet's in-principle agreement to the change package and final agreement to changes by December 2019, including the potential impact of the Ministry's planned consultation on detailed design and implementation implications.
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- We will distribute this version of the Cabinet Paper to central, education and social sector agencies for formal cross-agency consultation between now and 23 April. We understand that your office will also undertake cross-party consultation during this time.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends that you:

- a. **note** that we have amended the draft Cabinet Paper as per your feedback on 15 April 2019
- b. **9(2)(f)(iv)** [Redacted]
- c. **9(2)(f)(iv)** [Redacted]
- d. **9(2)(f)(iv)** [Redacted]
- e. **agree** that this Briefing Note not be proactively released, pending Cabinet's agreement to the annexed Cabinet Paper.

Agree / Disagree


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