

Coversheet

A Social Sector Recovery Plan to ensure a coordinated approach to social sector recovery over the medium term

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These documents have been proactively released.

26 June 2023, Cabinet paper -A Social Sector Recovery Plan to ensure a coordinated approach to social sector recovery over the medium term, including Appendix A: Government support to date to assist communities following the 2023 North Island extreme weather events, and Appendix B – Social Sector Recovery Plan

28 June 2023, Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee Minute EWR-23-MIN-0051

2 August 2023, Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee Minute SWC-23-MIN-0106.

The paper sought Cabinet agreement to the Social Sector Recovery Plan (the Plan), which sets out the approach of the social sector to recovery from the recent North Island extreme weather events and brings together activities to ensure a coordinated approach to social sector recovery across government. The Plan aims to ensure that recovery activity and investment is targeted towards areas of need in a way that supports regional priorities.

The paper also sought Cabinet agreement to draw down a first tranche of \$20.65 million from the \$30 million social sector recovery tagged contingency, which was secured through the North Island Weather Events Response and Recovery Package to support implementation of the Plan. The first tranche of funding will be used to fund actions under the Plan for which there is currently no agreed funding source.

Some parts of this information release would not be appropriate to release and, if requested, would be withheld under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Where this is the case, the relevant sections of the Act that would apply have been identified. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it. This is the key to the redaction code used for this release:

- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) - the confidentiality of advice under active consideration.

The following document that accompanied the Cabinet paper is already public on the MSD website (with the exception of the final page, which was not published):

- *Social Sector Recovery Plan.*
[social-sector-extreme-weather-recovery-approach.pdf \(msd.govt.nz\)](https://www.msd.govt.nz/publications/recovery-plans/social-sector-extreme-weather-recovery-approach.pdf)

This version of the Social Sector Recovery Plan published on the MSD website corrects the following inaccuracies identified in the version of Appendix B – Social Sector Recovery Plan that went to the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee:

- Actions under the 'Education' dimension of need should in fact have been listed under the 'Employment' dimension of need;
- Actions that should have been listed under the 'Education' dimension of need were wrongly missed off;
- A number of small grammatical and spelling errors.

A full version of Appendix B – Social Sector Recovery Plan (i.e. including the final page) with these inaccuracies corrected is published here, alongside the version submitted to Cabinet.

Please note that further to Cabinet agreement of the Social Sector Recovery Plan, the Social Wellbeing Committee agreed on 2 August to extend the geographical coverage of the action agreed under the Social Sector Recovery Plan to cover any region affected by the North Island extreme weather events. This action was originally agreed to cover Hawke's Bay, Auckland and Tairāwhiti.

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