

Report: Draft Cabinet paper – Next stage of the Charter School | Kura Hourua model consultation

To:	Hon David Seymour, Associate Minister of Education		
Cc:	Hon Erica Stanford, Minister of Education		
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Why are we sending this to you?

- This report provides a draft Cabinet paper: 'Next stage of the Charter School | Kura Hourua model' for Departmental and Ministerial consultation, attached as Annex 1.

Key facts, issues and questions

- We have incorporated your feedback and updated the Cabinet paper based on Minister Stanford's decisions regarding a proposed pathway back to the State schooling system [METIS 1344777 refers]. She has agreed to progress option 3, in which the Minister of Education must establish a new State school if a converted charter school voluntarily closes unless specific criteria apply.
- We will undertake targeted consultation on the draft Cabinet paper due to the specific nature of the proposed policy decisions and truncated consultation period (provided in the table below). We will consult with: the Treasury, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission, Ministry for Regulation, Charter School Agency, Education Review Office, New Zealand Qualifications Authority, and Social Investment Agency.
- Below is an estimated timeline for lodgement, for the paper to be considered at Cabinet Business Committee on 30 June.

Milestone	Estimated date
Departmental and Ministerial consultation	19 June – 24 June
Lodging for Cabinet Business Committee	26 June
Cabinet Business Committee	30 June
Cabinet approval for policy decisions	07 July

Annexes

The following are annexed to this paper:

- Annex 1: Draft Cabinet paper: Next stage of the Charter School | Kura Hourua model (attached separately)

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **note** that we have updated the draft Cabinet paper, Next stage of the Charter School | Kura Hourua model, following your feedback and Minister Stanford's decisions outlined in METIS 1344777
- b. **note** targeted Departmental consultation and Ministerial consultation will be undertaken between 19 – 24 June

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Proactive Release:

- c. **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this paper once Cabinet has approved the proposed legislation changes with any information needing to be withheld done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982

Agree / Disagree



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