



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Regulatory Changes to Improve Search Safety in Oranga Tamariki Residences

Portfolio **Children**

On 6 August 2026, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in February 2026, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee agreed to amend the Oranga Tamariki (Residential Care) Regulations 1996 to improve search safety and implement legislative changes in Oranga Tamariki secure residences [SOU-26-MIN-0005];
- 2 **noted** that the Oranga Tamariki (Residential Care) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2026 will give effect to the above decision;
- 3 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Oranga Tamariki (Residential Care) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2026 [PCO 28849/15.0];
- 4 **noted** that the Oranga Tamariki (Residential Care) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2026 will come into force on 24 October 2026.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Scott Simpson
Hon James Meager
Hon Cameron Brewer
Hon Karen Chhour
Stuart Smith, MP
Todd Stephenson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG