



Minute of Decision

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New Zealand Government Open Access and Licensing Framework

Portfolio: State Services

On 5 July 2010, following reference from the Cabinet Domestic Policy Committee, Cabinet:

Background

- 1 **noted** that State Services agencies hold and own large quantities of non-personal copyright works and non-copyright material;
- 2 **noted** that opening up State Services agencies' copyright works and non-copyright material for reuse by New Zealanders and others is likely to result in significant economic, social, and cultural opportunities;
- 3 **noted** that open access to State Services agencies' copyright works and non-copyright material supports greater transparency of government agencies' performance and gives members of the public, business, and communities a greater opportunity to provide potentially valuable insights into government policy development;

New Zealand Government Open Access and Licensing framework (NZGOAL)

- 4 **noted** that the New Zealand Government Open Access and Licensing framework (NZGOAL), attached as Appendix 1 to the paper under DOM (10) 43:
 - 4.1 provides a consistent and structured access and licensing approach to the reuse of State Services agencies' non-personal copyright works and non-copyright material;
 - 4.2 adopts the six Creative Commons New Zealand law licences for licensing State Services agencies' copyright works;
- 5 **noted** that the suite of six Creative Commons New Zealand law licences were released in 2007 by Creative Commons Aotearoa New Zealand (CCANZ), and that CCANZ is administered by the Royal Society of New Zealand (RSNZ);
- 6 **endorsed** NZGOAL as guidance for State Services agencies to take into account when releasing their copyright works and non-copyright material publicly for re-use;

- 7 **directed** all Public Service departments to:
- 7.1 familiarise themselves with NZGOAL, in its current form and as may be updated from time to time;
 - 7.2 take NZGOAL into account when releasing copyright material and non-copyright material to the public for re-use;
- 8 **invited** the New Zealand Police, the New Zealand Defence Force, the Parliamentary Counsel Office, and the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service, to:
- 8.1 familiarise themselves with NZGOAL, in its current form and as may be updated from time to time;
 - 8.2 take NZGOAL into account when releasing copyright material and non-copyright material to the public for re-use;
- 9 **agreed** that other State Services agencies (other than school boards of trustees) be strongly encouraged to:
- 9.1 familiarise themselves with NZGOAL, in its current form and as may be updated from time to time;
 - 9.2 take NZGOAL into account when releasing copyright material and non-copyright material to the public for re-use;
- 10 **invited** the Minister of Education to invite school boards of trustees, to:
- 10.1 familiarise themselves with NZGOAL, in its current form and as may be updated from time to time;
 - 10.2 take NZGOAL into account when releasing copyright material and non-copyright material to the public for re-use;

Next steps

- 11 **noted** that the State Services Commission (SSC) proposes to work closely with RSNZ to promote awareness and adoption of NZGOAL and the benefits that its implementation has for New Zealanders;
- 12 **noted** that SSC will report to the Minister of State Services on agency adoption of NZGOAL 12 months after its release;
- 13 **agreed** that SSC:
- 13.1 may make amendments to NZGOAL that are of a minor or uncontroversial nature; but
 - 13.2 will obtain approval from the Minister of State Services before implementing any changes that are more substantive in the sense that they could reasonably be considered to effect a change in policy;

14 **noted** that the Minister of State Services intends to publicly release the paper attached to DOM (10) 43 and the relevant Cabinet decision.

Released by the Minister of State Services