



GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE CABINET SERVICES
GOVERNMENT BUILDING
RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 21 September 2023

TO: Chief of Staff, Office of the Prime Minister
Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Management
Public Service Commissioner, PSC
Solicitor General, Crown Law

**CABINET APPROVAL;
FOR THE UTILITIES REGULATION POLICY
TO EXTEND THE REMIT OF THE COMPETITION AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY
TO INSTRUCT CROWN LAW TO DRAFT THE UTILITIES REGULATION**

A Cabinet meeting was held on Thursday 21st September 2023, Cabinet Ministers' gave consideration to matters relevant to your Department/Ministry in reference to the above-mentioned subject.

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Paper dated 22 August 2023

Submitted by Hon. Mark Brown, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Noted The Final Utilities Regulation Policy at Attachment A, the Cabinet approval to establish a multi sector regulator in 2018 at Attachment B, and the Cabinet approval to release the draft Cook Islands Utilities Regulation Policy 2021 in January 2021 at Attachment C.

Endorsed The Utilities Regulation Policy, which provides a detailed proposal as requested by Cabinet in November 2018.

Approved The incorporation of electricity, water and sewerage utilities under the existing Competition and Regulatory Authority in accordance with the Utilities Regulation Policy.

Approved Crown Law to prepare a Utilities Regulation (Electricity, Water, and Sewerage Services) Bill.


JJ Harold Browne
SECRETARY, CABINET SERVICES