Briefing Note: Petition for enlargement of the proposed enrolment zone for Geraldine High School

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

Note that we have prepared a report for the Education Workforce Committee regarding a petition submitted to the House of Representatives by Frances Cole. The petition asks the House to enlarge the proposed enrolment zone for Geraldine High School.

Agree that this Briefing be proactively released. Any information that might need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Agree / Disagree

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Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

3/8/19
Background

1. Frances Cole has submitted a petition to the House of Representatives. The petition requests that the House of Representatives urge the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) to enlarge the proposed enrolment zone for Geraldine High School to allow an in-zone capacity that includes rural students and allows the school to offer a good breadth of curriculum choices to meet student needs.

2. On 27 June 2019 the Education Workforce Committee invited the Ministry to provide written evidence in response to the points raised by the petitioner.

3. We have attached our response to the Committee.

4. The response outlines the process for development of enrolment schemes in general, and the development of the enrolment scheme for Geraldine High School specifically. That development is currently under way.

5. The report advises that the points raised by the petitioner can be addressed through the current enrolment scheme consultation and development process.

Proactive Release

6. We recommend that this Briefing be proactively released as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Any information that might need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.