

Self-isolation pilot: Proceeding in Christchurch under Alert Level change

- On 27 September, Cabinet agreed to the design parameters of the self-isolation pilot. These parameters were restrictive, in line with public health advice at the time.
- Cabinet agreed that the pilot would be suspended in Christchurch the event of an Alert Level change to 3 or 4, with participants already self-isolating continuing to do so, but all other participants entering MIQ.
- I have confirmed with officials that the pilot will proceed in Auckland remaining at Alert Level 3.
- Given the announcement of positive COVID-19 cases in Christchurch, officials sought direction from the Reconnecting New Zealanders Ministerial Group as to whether the pilot should proceed in Christchurch if it moves to Alert Level 3 during the pilot period (30 October to 22 December).
- Cabinet had agreed that significant operational decisions regarding the self-isolation pilot be delegated to the Reconnecting New Zealanders Ministerial Group.
- We decided that it is appropriate for the pilot to proceed in Christchurch irrespective of an Alert Level change, given the relatively low number of participants planned to self-isolate in Christchurch, expected high levels of compliance from participants, and to ensure consistency between pilot regions.
- I seek Cabinet's agreement to this decision.

Recommendation

- **Agree** that the self-isolation pilot proceed in Auckland and Christchurch under all Alert Levels.

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