



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Memo

16 December 2022

To Prime Minister

From Rachel Hayward

Subject Acknowledging the coronation of King Charles III

Summary This note seeks your initial decisions on projects to acknowledge the coronation of King Charles III.

Purpose

- 1 This note updates you on preliminary planning for the coronation of King Charles III, which is scheduled to take place on 6 May 2023. Your decision is sought on a preferred option or options for the government's acknowledgement of the coronation. The Cabinet Office will proceed with planning and agency/stakeholder engagement once you have indicated your preferred option(s).

Background

- 2 In the United Kingdom/New Zealand context, a coronation is a religious ceremony rather than constitutional event. King Charles became Sovereign by law; the coronation formally recognises this fact. Buckingham Palace has confirmed that the coronation of King Charles will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey.
- 3 New Zealand last celebrated a coronation 70 years ago, when Queen Elizabeth II was crowned at Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953. New Zealand marked the occasion with church services, civic parades around the country, an event on the steps of Parliament House and a gun salute from Point Jerningham. Portraits of the Queen were given to secondary schools, and every primary school student received a souvenir booklet.

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Coronation medal

25 I have been advised that the UK government intends to issue a medal to mark the coronation, which will likely be given to the same groups who received the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal (serving members of the UK armed forces, representatives of the public and emergency services, members of the Royal Household and recipients of the highest gallantry and bravery medals). A small number of New Zealanders may be eligible for the UK coronation medal, which would be considered as a foreign honour. This would be in line with decisions around previous jubilee medals.

26 In recent times, New Zealand has not issued medals to mark previous Royal occasions, principally for reasons of cost and difficulty in administering. s9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]
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[redacted] However, we can provide further advice to you about a medal if you wish.

Recommendations

40 I recommend that you:

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40.3 **indicate** which (if any) of these options you would like to be explored as government-led events or initiatives to celebrate the coronation:

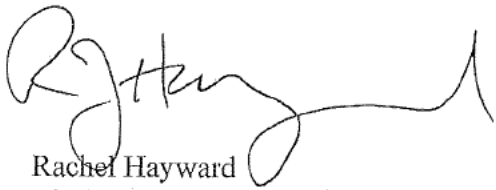
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40.3.9 a coronation medal;

YES / NO / DISCUSS

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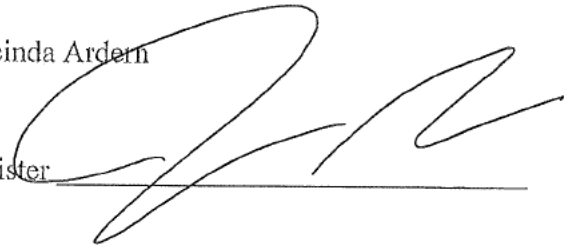
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Rachel Hayward
Clerk of the Executive Council

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

Prime Minister



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Memo

21 February 2023

To Prime Minister

From Rachel Hayward

Subject Acknowledging the coronation of King Charles III in New Zealand

Summary This note seeks confirmation of the government's initiatives to acknowledge the coronation of King Charles III.

Purpose

- 1 This note seeks your decisions on preferred options for the government's acknowledgement of the coronation of King Charles III in New Zealand, which is scheduled to take place on 6 May 2023. I am also seeking confirmation of certain decisions made by the former Prime Minister on this matter.

Background

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- 3 New Zealand last celebrated a coronation 70 years ago, when Queen Elizabeth II was crowned at Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953. New Zealand marked the occasion with church services, civic parades around the country, an event on the steps of Parliament House and a gun salute from Point Jerningham. Portraits of the Queen were given to secondary schools, and every primary school student received a souvenir booklet.
- 4 In December 2022, I sought Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern's initial decisions on possible options for the government's acknowledgement of the coronation. This note seeks your confirmation, or variation, of some of those decisions.

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Discarded options

31 The former Prime Minister did not wish to proceed with the options below. This note seeks your decision on these options, in case you wish for any to be reconsidered.

Coronation medal

- 31.5 I have been advised that the UK government intends to issue a coronation medal. A small number of New Zealanders may be eligible for the UK coronation medal, which would be considered as a foreign honour. This would be in line with decisions around previous jubilee medals. In recent times, New Zealand has not issued medals to mark previous Royal occasions, principally for reasons of cost and difficulty in administering. However, we can provide further advice to you about a medal if you wish.

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Recommendations

47 I recommend that you:

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47.3 **confirm** or **revisit** the decisions of the former Prime Minister to discard the following options:

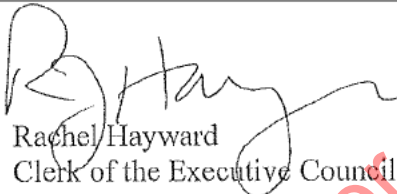
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47.3.5 a coronation medal;

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Rt Hon Chris Hipkins

Prime Minister



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