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# ROAD USER CHARGES (EXEMPTION PERIOD FOR LIGHT ELECTRIC RUC VEHICLES) ORDER 2016

<b>Reason for this briefing</b>	This briefing provides you with a Cabinet paper for consideration by Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG), on extending the road user charges (RUC) exemption period for light electric RUC vehicles.
<b>Action required</b>	Sign and lodge the attached LEG paper with Cabinet Office.
<b>Deadline</b>	10am on Thursday 11 August 2016.
<b>Reason for deadline</b>	To ensure the Order is lodged in time for LEG consideration on Wednesday 17 August 2016.

**Contact for telephone discussion (if required)**

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<b>Date:</b>	5 August 2016	<b>Briefing number:</b>	OC04270
<b>Attention:</b>	Hon Simon Bridges (Minister of Transport)	<b>Security level:</b>	In-Confidence

**Minister of Transport's office actions**

- Noted
- Seen
- Approved
- Needs change
- Referred to
- Withdrawn
- Not seen by Minister
- Overtaken by events

**Purpose of briefing**

- 1. This briefing provides you with a Cabinet paper on extending the road user charges (RUC) exemption period for light electric RUC vehicles.
- 2. The briefing recommends that you sign the attached Cabinet paper recommending that the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) authorise the submission of the Road User Charges (Exemption Period for Light Electric RUC Vehicles) Order 2016 (the proposed Order) to the Executive Council.

**Cabinet has agreed to extend the RUC exemption period for light electric RUC vehicles**

- 3. On 21 March 2016, as part of the electric vehicles package, Cabinet agreed to extend the RUC exemption for light electric RUC vehicles until they comprise two percent of the light vehicle fleet, which is expected to occur by December 2021.

**Legal mechanism for amending Order in Council**

- 4. Section 37 of the Road User Charges Act 2012 provides for the Governor-General to specify the period during which RUC is not payable in respect of light electric RUC vehicles, through an Order in Council.
- 5. An order made under Section 37 must specify the date on which the RUC exemption expires but may be amended to provide for a later date.
- 6. Currently, the Road User Charges (Exemption Period for Light Electric RUC Vehicles) Order 2012 specifies an end date of 30 June 2020. In accordance with Cabinet's decision, the proposed Order will extend the RUC exemption period for light electric RUC vehicles from 30 June 2020 to 31 December 2021.

**Recommendations**

7. The recommendations are that you:

(a) **sign** the attached Cabinet paper

Yes/No

(b) **lodge** the attached Cabinet paper with Cabinet Office by 11 August 2016

Yes/No



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**MINISTER'S SIGNATURE:**

DATE: 9/8/16