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# Farm Debt Mediation - Updated Bill

## **Key Messages**

- This Aide Memoire provides background for the inclusion of two small consequential amendments in the Farm Debt Mediation Bill (No 2) (draft Bill), attached to this briefing.
- On Wednesday 12 June, the Economic Development Committee (DEV) approved the recommendations for your Cabinet Paper Government Farm Debt Mediation Bill: Approval for Introduction [SUB19-0057].
- The previous draft Bill did not have any consequential amendments. Amendments are likely required to Under active Consideration
- Free and Frank Expression
- Table Office have advised that without the inclusion of a clause in the Bill as introduced providing for consequential amendments, further consequential amendments (other than cross references) cannot be made through the Select Committee process. Therefore, at the Economic Development Committee, an additional recommendation was approved to authorise you to make minor consequential amendments as part of the Farm Debt Mediation Bill.

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- Accordingly, a new clause (clause 62, page 27) has been included to provide for the consequential amendments, which are listed in Schedule 2 (page 29). These amendments provide that nothing in parts of the Personal Property Securities Act 1999 or the Property Law Act 2007 limit the Farm Debt Mediation Bill.
- Your approval of the updated Bill is required before the draft Bill's consideration at Cabinet Committee on Monday 17 June 2019.

#### **Minister / Minister's Office**

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