

# Proactive Release

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Additional Item: Solomon Islands Unrest: Aotearoa New Zealand Support: Update	CAB-21-MIN-0510



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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On 29 November 2021, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** the briefing from the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the situation in Solomon Islands following recent unrest;
- 2        **noted** that Solomon Islands has requested Australian security support under the 2017 bilateral security treaty between Solomon Islands and Australia, and that Australia has deployed Australian Federal Police, Defence Force and DFAT officers to Honiara in support of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force;
- 3        **noted** that both Papua New Guinea and Fiji have also offered support to the Solomon Islands;
- 4        **agreed in principle** to a small New Zealand deployment in conjunction with Australia's security support to Solomon Islands, should a request be forthcoming from Solomon Islands,
- 5        **authorised** a group of Ministers comprising the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Police and the Minister of Defence, to have Power to Act to take decisions on the deployment, if required, including any necessary legal arrangements, rules of engagement and other details.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet