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Question:

Jade BENHAM: Thank you. I might just follow up on the Cape Paterson decision, Minister. Have you released your statement of reasons for the decision?

Sonya KILKENNY: I believe those were released at the same time as the decision was made.

Jade BENHAM: I believe that is due process, but has it happened?

Sonya KILKENNY: I believe that has happened, yes. I will get confirmation on it, but I believe it has happened. That is standard process; that is what we do. We release the reports, and we release the decision. I do want to come back –

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Jade BENHAM: Actually, just one more thing – the statement of reasons. Are we able to get a copy of that for the committee?

Sonya KILKENNY: Can I come back to you?

Jade BENHAM: They are not available publicly. Secretary?

Jeroen WEIMAR: We will check into where it is.

Answer:

In May of this year, I released the draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy with protected settlement boundaries for 24 settlements, including Cape Paterson. The policy includes sections that set out the general context and policy rationale for upholding the landscape values for the distinctive area within, which informed the draft settlement boundaries. Both the draft SPP and the boundaries are publicly available. As outlined in the Planning and Environment Act, the draft SPP must be endorsed by responsible public entities before it can be finalised.