

Subject	Minutes of the Independent Advisory Panel meeting held at MBIE on Monday 18 June 2018, 10am – 4.30pm			
Panel members:	Mr Rodger Finlay (Chairperson), Ms Sarah Brown, Mr Neville Harris, Ms Rosie Mercer, Mr John Rae, Dr Charlotte Severne, Mr John Sproat & Dr David Wilson			
In attendance:	Mr Nigel Bickle (Acting Head of Regional Development Unit), Ms Jane Frances (Strategic Advisor to Hon Shane Jones), Mr Alex Matheson (Political Advisor to Hon Shane Jones), Mr Robert Pigou (Acting Head of Investments), & Ms Kate Kuska (Secretariat)			
Attendees:	Ms Abby Cheeseman, Mr Eliot Linforth-Hall, Mr David van der Zouwe, Mr Mark Feary, Mr Ward Tuite, Ms Gillian Dudgeon, Mr Nick Hough, Mr Paul Swallow & Mr Jerome Wyeth (Consultant)			
Apologies:				

1. Panel on	ly time
Reference #	18/06/2018/01
Commentary:	Panel only time discussion focused on three key areas: (a) Discussion with Ministers (b) Reflected on the outcomes of Strategy Day (held 13 June) (c) Examined the next 6-8 weeks

2. Meetin	2. Meeting Administration				
Reference #	18/06/2018/02				
Commentary:	 (a) Noted that Charlotte Severne would attend the second part of the meeting, discussion around proposals for review (b) Register of Interests reviewed by the panel, no additions were declared (c) The minutes of the IAP meeting held on 8 May 2018 were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting, noting minor changes to be updated by the Secretariat. (d) It is the wish of the panel to move to a monthly meeting schedule, as opposed to bi-monthly which is the current structure. Secretariat to organise monthly dates in diaries and select venues where possible that align to Ministerial announcements, preference is for a PDU team member to lead these regional engagements. (e) Feedback from Strategy Day was discussed during panel only time and a communique to the Minister for Regional Economic Development has been drafted. 				

3. Chairperson / Ministerial / Head of PDU insights 18/06/2018/03 Reference # Commentary: (a) The Head of PDU Nigel Bickle provided a verbal update which supported the written update submitted to the panel. Mr Bickle advised there has been a steady progression with proposals to the PGF. The Unit has progressed work on the Investment Statement to create a more external facing "glossy" version of the guide to investment. Work continues on identifying regional packages that can be brought forward to the PGF for investment and a key focus currently is planning looking toward the next 12 months and planning for success. **Deliberations of Strategic Partnerships** Discussion around strategic partnerships with other agencies; Mr Bickle outlined his intention to advocate for a joint approach to work with other agencies to bring forward significant proposals to the PGF. Strategic conversations about what could be achieved in the rail sector have already commenced. The panel agreed and noted that it would be beneficial to have senior representatives from the sectors to attend IAP meetings in the future to share regional and national priorities; this could include sharing of case studies and other key information supporting regional initiatives. (b) To support pipeline discussions around different sectors, it was proposed to provide the panel a current pipeline view of initiatives across sectors (i.e. road, rail, airports & wharves). This information will be important Commercial Information and provide key support in initiating applications. It was also noted that a comprehensive rail review will be released in December to inform Ministers. The expectation is that over time, proposals that come to the IP for consideration will be more strategically focused. This aligns to the panel's view that regional priorities should also align with an overarching NZ Inc. direction.

3.3 The panel's role in origination				
Reference #	18/06/2018/04			
Commercial Information	(a) It is agreed that the panel's role in origination is facilitative. Commercial Information . All applications regardless of origination will be subject to the due diligence of the PDU and to the full application criteria.			
	(b) Commercial Information			

4. Standing Items			
Reference #	18/06/2018/05		
Commentary:	 (a) A list of proposals given to the SRO's for approval/decline was presented to the panel. i. Agreed the panel wish to continue viewing proposals at the SRO level and can request further information at any given time. ii. Commercial Information 		
	(b) List of investments approved and announced by Ministers refer to funds which are allocated, formally committed or agreed in principle.		

4.3. Risk awareness			
Reference # 18/06/2018/06			
Commentary:	The Risk Register will remain active and managed between the Secretariat and the Panel, and reviewed at each IAP meeting i. Addition to the risk register Commercial Information		



5.2 Cook's Landing Restoration				
Reference #	nce # 18/06/2018/08			
Commentary:	The panel unanimously agrees to support the Cook's Landing Restoration proposal for funding. Key summary as follows;			

	 (a) The Cook's Landing Restoration project aligns well to the overarching Tairawhiti Navigations Programme and fits the PGF criteria well in terms of additionality and alignment to regional priorities. (b) Notwithstanding the support of the panel, there are further suggestions for success observed by the panel 	
	 i. Commercial Information ii. Infrastructure and amenities in the area must be available to support increased visitor numbers as well as connectivity between this visitor attraction site and other tourist sites 	
Decision	Panel agree to support the Cook's Landing Restoration proposal and will outline key suggestions in full letter to Minister.	
Action	Ministerial advice to be prepared for the panel's review and agreement prior to the RED ministerial meeting on 2 July 2018.	

5.3 Te Hiku Sports Hub Complex				
Reference #	18/06/2018/09			
Commentary:	(a) The panel notes the application for the PGF to fund the Te Hiku Sports Hub has been agreed as part of a manifesto commitment and does not require formal advice from the panel to the Minister.			



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5.8 Better elevation data infrastructure - LINZ				
Reference #	18/06/2018/14			
Commentary:	The panel discussed the application from LINZ which seeks funding for the coordinated capture of provincial elevation data in 3D.			
	The panel unanimously agree that this is a worthy proposal for funding to enable more accurate submetred data to be made available across the country, enabling regions to make decisions using better quality data			
	(a) Commercial Information			
	(b) Commercial Information			
	(c) Commercial Information			

5.9 Rotorua Big Moves and Feasibility Assessment for Dunedin Waterfront Project		
Reference #	18/06/2018/15	
Commentary:	The panel discussed the applications of Rotorua Big Moves and the Feasibility Assessment for Dunedin waterfront project, noting the previous decisions that were made by the SRO's. (a) In light of new information, the panel believe that the Dunedin Waterfront project is worthy of funding support from the PGF to fund the feasibility assessment and development of business case supporting the vision of Dunedin's waterfront (b) The panel note the reasons for decline by the SRO's, however believe that on balance the Dunedin Waterfront presents a well thought out application and is a worthy case to access funds from the PGF	
Decisions	Recommend that the Dunedin Waterfront feasibility assessment be funded by the PGF	
Actions	The IAP's position on the funding application for the Feasibility Assessment for Dunedin Waterfront Project will be made available for consideration to the SRO's.	

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.	
Mr Rodger Finlay Chairperson	Date