

# TOURISM RECOVERY MINISTERS GROUP

Friday, 17 July 2020, 3:30pm-4.15pm  
Weekly Meeting, Zoom meeting

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## AGENDA

<b>Attendees</b>	Hon Kelvin Davis (Minister of Tourism) <b>Chair</b> Hon Grant Robertson (Minister of Finance) Hon Nanaia Mahuta (Minister of Māori Development) Hon Eugenie Sage (Minister of Conservation) Fletcher Tabuteau (Under Secretary Regional Economic Development)
<b>Guests</b>	Tourism Futures Taskforce co-chairs: Grant Webster, Steve Chadwick
<b>Apologies</b>	Carolyn Tremain (MBIE CE)
<b>Officials</b>	Paul Stocks (MBIE LSE DCE), Iain Cossar (MBIE Tourism GM), Richard Davies (MBIE Manager, Tourism), Andrew Lim (MBIE), Stephen England-Hall (TNZ, CE), Billie Moore (TNZ GM), Bryan Dunne (DPMC), Bruce Parkes (DOC)

Item	Description	Actions	Papers
1	<b>Tourism Futures Taskforce Update</b>	<p><b>Note</b> that the co-chairs of the New Zealand Tourism Futures Taskforce will meet with Tourism Recovery Ministers on 16 July 2020.</p> <p><b>Note</b> that the co-chairs would like to discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outcome of the first meeting of the Taskforce on 9 July 2020 and forward process</li> <li>Membership of the core group of the Taskforce</li> <li>Focus and involvement of the Taskforce in shorter-term thinking on tourism recovery vs. longer-term</li> </ol>	<i>20-21 0150 Tourism Futures Taskforce update meeting with co-chairs</i>
2	<b>Strategic Tourism Assets Protection Programme</b>	<p><b>Agree to either</b></p> <p>Option One – Cease further work on the STAPP and pause the programme; <i>or</i></p> <p>Option Two – Fund a small selection of STAPP applicants which could be selected on the basis of stronger emphasis on regional spill over benefits to regions; <i>or</i></p> <p>Option Three – Support a selection of STAPP applicants through semi-commercial loans</p>	<i>20-21 0195 Next Steps for the Strategic Tourism Assets Protection Programme and Tourism Recovery Fund</i>
3	<b>Any other business</b>		

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

23 July TRM Meeting 3:30-4:15pm	30 July TRM Meeting 5.15-5.45pm	5 Aug TRM Meeting 4:30-5:15pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STAPP ITO protection Fund (tentative)</li></ul>		

### Tourism Recovery Ministers Meeting Minutes, 17 July 2020

Tourism Recovery Ministers met on Thursday 17 July 2020 to discuss the Tourism Futures Taskforce and the Strategic Tourism Assets Protection Programme.

#### *Taskforce*

Tourism Recovery Ministers:

Noted the outcomes of the first meeting of the Taskforce on 9 July 2020:

- Noted that a Four Capitals approach will be guiding the work of the Taskforce
- Co-Chairs have asked members to come back to the next meeting with 4-6 priority areas for the Taskforce work programme

Noted that in regard to the membership of the core group Taskforce, Ngahiwi Tomoana and Sue Suckling would be invited by the co-Chairs to be members, and s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(a) would be the next choices should Ngahiwi and/or Sue be unavailable.

Noted that the Taskforce is keen for short-term tourism recovery initiatives to also adopt a Four Capitals approach, and that the Taskforce is seeking regular engagement with Tourism Recovery Ministers as short term initiatives are developed. The Taskforce noted that Government could assist with liquidity because of economic uncertainty if a business is willing to work towards the other three capitals. Steve noted the importance of the business events sector to short term recovery and industry is clear that funding to stimulate events would be valuable.

#### *STAPP*

Tourism Recovery Ministers:

Noted that MBIE cannot provide Tourism Recovery Ministers with the absolute level of assurance they are seeking to make defensible investment decisions in the top few critical assets. Ministers also noted the risk that poor investment decisions could lock in tourism features that we don't want in a future state.

Noted that the problem definition has changed since the STAPP was initiated, with the TT safe travel zone and the return of international tourism further away than expected three months ago, and domestic tourism performing better than expected due to COVID-19 free status of NZ.

Agreed that a package of broadbased support (eg semi-commercial loans), stimulating demand (eg events), and designing for the future (eg Māori tourism) is preferable to grant funding in the current context.

Agreed that ITOs could access the broadbased support.