



## BRIEFING

### Strategic Tourism Asset Protection Programme – Māori tourism businesses grant and loan arrangements

<b>Date:</b>	11 August 2020	<b>Priority:</b>	High
<b>Security classification:</b>	In Confidence	<b>Tracking number:</b>	2021-0522

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Kelvin Davis <b>Minister of Tourism</b>	<b>Note</b> the contents of this briefing	12 August 2020
Hon Grant Robertson <b>Minister of Finance</b>		
Hon Nanaia Mahuta <b>Minister for Māori Development</b>		
Hon Eugenie Sage <b>Minister of Conservation</b>		
Fletcher Tabuteau <b>Under Secretary Regional Economic Development</b>		

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The following departments/agencies have been consulted
New Zealand Māori Tourism has been consulted and supports the recommendations in this briefing.

**Minister's office to complete:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted                | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seen                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn           |

**Comments**



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#### Purpose

This briefing provides you an update on how grants and loans for Māori tourism business will be administered through the Strategic Tourism Asset Protection Programme (STAPP).

#### Executive summary

1. At the Tourism Recovery Ministers (TRM) meeting on Wednesday 5 August 2020, Hon Nanaia Mahuta proposed that the \$21m for Māori tourism businesses be given directly to New Zealand Māori Tourism (NZMT) to administer grant and loan allocations.
2. NZMT has been closely involved in the STAPP assessment process for Māori tourism businesses. They have undertaken a thorough analysis of the 18 approved Māori tourism businesses and provided the recommendations for the grant and loan allocations.
3. TRM were unclear whether NZMT could have delegated authority to deliver loans as it operates as an incorporated society and is not a government entity.
4. MBIE Tourism and NZMT have met to discuss implementing grants and loans for Māori tourism businesses. At that meeting, it was agreed that:
  - As NZMT has undertaken a thorough analysis into the 18 Māori tourism businesses, NZMT will be responsible for engagement with these businesses, including reporting and monitoring during the grant and loan period.
  - While NZMT has the capacity to deliver grants to Māori tourism businesses, MBIE will run the grant scheme in order to ensure consistency across all STAPP applicants, noting MBIE has the resource and systems in place to manage these payments.
  - The funding agreements and terms and conditions will be the same for all STAPP applicants including Māori tourism businesses.
  - Loans for Māori businesses being supported through the STAPP will have the same facility as all other STAPP applicants
5. NZMT would like to remain engaged on the terms and conditions of the loans.

#### Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment recommends that you:

- a **Note** that MBIE Tourism and NZMT have met to discuss funding arrangements, reporting and monitoring for the 18 Māori tourism businesses

*Noted*

- b **Note** that NZMT will be lead agency responsible for engaging, monitoring and reporting on the 18 Māori tourism businesses *Noted*
- c **Note** that MBIE will administer all STAPP grants (including the 18 Māori tourism businesses) as MBIE has the administrative capacity to undertake all STAPP grants *Noted*
- d **Note** that Loans for Māori tourism businesses will be administered by the same facility as all other STAPP applications *Noted*
- e **Note** that NZMT would like to remain engaged on the terms and conditions of STAPP loans. *Noted*



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