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Tāwhaki Proposal Exception Request for Regional Strategic Partnership Fund (RSPF) Consideration

Portfolio **Regional Development**

On 28 August 2023, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Regional Strategic Partnership Fund (RSPF) is a \$200 million fund established in 2021 which seeks to help grow regional economies by investing in their regional economic development (RED) priorities;
- 2 **noted** that Tāwhaki is a Māori-Crown partnership between Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Wairewa Rūnanga (together as Kaitorete Limited) and the Crown [CAB-21-MIN-0193];
- 3 **noted** Commercial Information [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ut that Tāwhaki is now seeking \$5.4 million in grant funding from the RSPF to build a sealed runway and a hangar in the shorter term;
- 4 **noted** that the Tāwhaki proposal does not meet the Cabinet agreed RSPF location eligibility criteria as it is located inside the Christchurch city area (at Kaitorete Spit);
- 5 **noted** that despite not meeting location criteria, this proposal would progress research and development, support Māori aspirations and align with Government space strategies as well as wider Government strategies;
- 6 **noted** that RED Ministers consider that the strategic and economic benefits of this proposal outweigh the risks and that these benefits would not be achieved without investment;
- 7 **noted** that at the 24 August 2023 RED meeting Ministers agreed to approve funding for the Tāwhaki proposal, subject to Cabinet agreement to provide an exception to the location-based RSPF eligibility criteria;
- 8 **agreed** to provide an exception to the location-based RSPF eligibility criteria to enable RSPF investment of \$5.4 million in the Tāwhaki proposal;
- 9 **noted** that this investment is subject to Kānoa – Regional Development & Investment Unit (Kānoa) being satisfied that:
 - 9.1 Commercial Information [REDACTED]
 - 9.2 Commercial Information [REDACTED]

9.3 Commercial Information [Redacted]

9.4 Commercial Information [Redacted]

9.5 Commercial Information [Redacted]

9.6 Commercial Information [Redacted]

9.7 Commercial Information [Redacted]

10 **noted** Commercial Information [Redacted]

11 **noted** that there are no fiscal implications to this proposal given the funding would be drawn from the existing RSPPF allocation.

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Secretary of the Cabinet