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31 May 2021	Project Tāwhaki: A Māori-Crown Partnership to realise joint economic and environmental interests on Kaitorete	Office of the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation
5 August 2020	Project Tāwhaki: A Māori-Crown Partnership to realise joint economic and environmental interests on Kaitorete CAB-20-MIN-0383 Minute	Cabinet Office
10 August 2020	Project Tāwhaki: A Māori-Crown Partnership to realise joint economic and environmental interests on Kaitorete EXP-25-MIN-0055 Minute	Cabinet Office
24 May 2021	Oral Item: Project Tāwhaki Update CBC-21-MIN-0050 Minute	Cabinet Office
31 May 2021	Project Tāwhaki: Update CAB-21-MIN-0193 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

No

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Project Tāwhaki: Update

Portfolio **Research, Science and Innovation**

On 31 May 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that in August 2020, Cabinet deferred consideration of the submission *Project Tāwhaki: A Maori-Crown Partnership to Establish Joint Economic and Environmental Interests on Kaitōrete Spit*, which sought decisions relating to the Crown's involvement in Project Tāwhaki [DEV-20-SUB-0150, CAB-20-MIN-0383];
- 2 **noted** that since August 2020, changes have been made to the Project in response to concerns raised;
- 3 **noted** that on 24 May 2021, the Cabinet Business Committee noted the oral update on Project Tāwhaki and invited the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation to submit a paper to Cabinet [CBC-21-MIN-0050];
- 4 **noted** that funding of \$16.0 million was secured from the Greater Christchurch Regeneration appropriation to purchase the land at Kaitōrete, inclusive of a \$2.0 million grant to the joint venture partner, Kaitōrete Limited, to cover their portion of the land acquisition;
- 5 **noted** that the Crown and Kaitōrete Limited will each own 50 percent shares in the ownership of the property, in addition to 50:50 decision-making and profit sharing for the Project;
- 6 **noted** that once the property is secured it will be leased to the current landowner (currently scheduled for the next 3 years) and the income from this lease will fund the operating expenses of Joint Venture Committee;
- 7 **noted** that funding of joint venture activities will be funded by baseline funding at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Department of Conservation in the first instance;
- 8 **noted** that while there is no guarantee that aerospace facilities will be built on the land, the Joint Venture Agreement has provisions to protect the Crown's investment including selling or negotiating its share in the joint venture, or for the joint venture to seek alternative uses of the land;

- 9 **noted** that the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation intends to report back to Cabinet one year after the land purchase with an update on the progress of the Project.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet