



REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Weekly Report 3 September to 7 September 2018

Date:	7 September 2018	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	0889 18-19

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Shane Jones Minister for Regional Economic Development	Discuss at the next officials meeting	N/A
Fletcher Tabuteau Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Regional Economic Development	Discuss at the next officials meeting	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Nigel Bickle	Head of Provincial Development Unit	Privacy of natural persons	
Ben Dalton	Head of Regions and Project Delivery		
AJ Millward	General Manager Strategy and Governance		✓
Robert Pigou	Acting Head of Investment Management		



1. Provincial Growth Fund Proposals

Waikato

Comment:

The Waikato Economic Summit was held on 30 and 31 August 2018, with Ministers Jones, Mahuta and Jackson and Under-Secretary Tabuteau in attendance on the first day. Over 250 regional stakeholders from business, iwi, local and central government, community groups and philanthropic organisations came together to agree on the Waikato region's economic priorities and the potential projects which Te Waka, the new regional economic development agency, will take forward over the next 12-24 months.

By the end of the Summit, a number of regional priorities emerged, including 'activating the Waikato river' through various tourism initiatives, developing the added value food industry across the region, and improving infrastructure to support economic opportunities (e.g. development of wharf infrastructure to support the growth of the aquaculture industry).

Over the coming weeks, Te Waka will consider the feedback and outputs from the Summit and develop a regional economic action plan. The action plan will identify projects which the region will be seeking Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) support.

Responsible Manager: Ben Dalton, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

Officials will work with the region to finalise the action plan and identify where government support can help progress proposals identified in the action plan.

West Coast

A West Coast Package for 29 November

The Provincial Development Unit (PDU) are working on a package of West Coast initiatives due to be announced on 29 November 2018 during a visit to the region by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Regional Economic Development.

At this stage the package will consist of tourism initiatives, infrastructure projects and investment to support regional priorities.
Commercial Information

Responsible Manager: Ben Dalton, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps

A Cabinet paper on the "Buller Tourism Package" will be prepared for consideration by Cabinet at the end of October.

2. Provincial Development Unit

PGF status update

Comment:

As at 3 September 2018, 484 projects had been lodged in PipeDrive. 25 are new projects as of this week. Of the 484 projects, 229 are Expression of Interest, 253 are applications and two are enquiries. Of the 253 applications, 137 projects have had funding approved. As of 3 September 2018, \$277 million of funding has been approved.

Responsible Manager: Robert Pigou, Privacy of natural persons



3. Employment

Construction Skills Strategy Action plan

Comment:

Next week a suite of Cabinet papers on the Construction Skill Strategy Action Plan will be considered by Ministers. Ministers requested advice around expanding Jobs and Skills Hubs in Auckland and elsewhere to support the construction workforce requirements.

The Minister of Employment will be recommending expanding Jobs and Skills Hubs into Northcote and also West Auckland. Officials will provide you with advice on how the Hub models could be adapted to support the regions through the PGF.

Responsible Manager: *Nathan Grennell*, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

We will keep you updated on how this progresses.

4. Māori Economic Development

2018 He Tupu Ōhanga: Commercial Advisors Scheme

Comment:

The 2018 round of the He Tupu Ōhanga: Commercial Advisors Scheme (CAS) will open for applications on 28 September 2018.

This year we introduced the Māori name He Tupu Ōhanga to preface the CAS, which signals that the essence of the scheme is about economic growth of collective Māori assets. The CAS funds collectives up to \$60,000 to work alongside commercial advisors to undertake projects that realise the full potential of their assets.

This will be the fourth CAS round and a \$1 million appropriation will be available for allocation to successful projects. Since 2015, the CAS has allocated \$8 million to fund 149 commercial projects of which 77 are still underway.

Responsible Manager: *Hinemaui Rikirangi*, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

Call for proposals will open on 28 September 2018.



5. Upcoming Meetings and Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 10 September 2018	
3.00pm Minister Jones Ben Dalton and Bay of Plenty Regional Economic Development team TBC	
4.30pm Minister Jones Introductory meeting with KiwiRail Acting Chief Executive Todd Moyle and acting Chair Brian Corbin (Rt Hon Winston Peters and Hon Grant Robertson will attend)	None requested
Tuesday, 11 September 2018	
Wednesday, 12 September 2018	
3.30pm-4.30pm Minister Jones – PDU Officials meeting	
4.30pm-5.30pm USEC – PDU Officials meeting	
Thursday, 13 September 2018	
BNZ/PwC seminar in Gishorne - USEC attending	
Friday, 14 September 2018	
1.30pm-2.15pm USEC – meeting with Director Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Martin Bell, AUT	Briefing due 12 September

September

- 12 - BNZ/PwC seminar in Hastings
- 17 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting (Opotiki)
- 19 - BNZ/PwC seminar in Palmerston North (USEC)
- 20 - BNZ/PwC seminar in Whanganui (USEC)
- 20 - Meeting with Kay Read, SRO (USEC)
- 26 - BNZ/PwC seminar in Tauranga
- 27 - BNZ/PwC seminar in Whakatane
- 27 - Senior Regional Officials meeting
- 27 - He kai kei aku ringa, Rangatahi Business Challenge (USEC)
- 28 - India NZ Business Council Summit (USEC)

October

- 16 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting
- 18 - RED Ministers meeting
- 25 - Senior Regional Officials meeting

November

- 5 - RED Ministers meeting
- 16 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting
- 22 - Senior Regional Officials meeting
- 29 - West Coast visit

December

- 6 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting



6. Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire and Reports

Tracker number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
0806 18-19	Event briefing for attending and presenting at the Tourism Industry Awards on 6 September	USEC	Hinemaau Rikirangi	3 September 2018
0656 18-19	Draft PGF Cabinet papers	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	4 September 2018
0803 18-19	Event briefing for the Prime Minister's visit to Tairāwhiti on 7 September 2018	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	4 September 2018
0802 18-19	Event briefing for Minister Jones' visit to Tairāwhiti on 7 September 2018	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	4 September 2018
0898 18-19	Commercial Information	Minister Jones	Mark Jacobs	5 September 2018

7. Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire and Reports

Tracker number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Delivery Date
0853 18-19	Event briefing for BNZ/PwC events in September	USEC	Robert Pigou	7 September 2018
TBC	Information on EDAs	USEC/Minister Parker	AJ Millward	11 September 2018
TBC	Event briefing for meeting with Martin Bell, Director, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, AUT	USEC	AJ Millward	12 September 2018
TBC	Event briefing for meeting with Kay Read, SRO for Bay of Plenty, 20 September	USEC	Robert Pigou	17 September 2018
TBC	Event briefing and a speech for the He kai kei aku ringa, Rangatahi Business Challenge, 27 September	USEC	Hinemaau Rikirangi	21 September 2018
TBC	Event briefing and a speech for the Under-Secretary at the India NZ Business Council Summit, 28 September	USEC	Ben Dalton	21 September 2018



8. Ministerial Servicing

Ministerial OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA117	Privacy of natural persons	15 Aug 2018	29 Aug 2018	5 Sep 2018	Sign out	List of briefings referenced in parliamentary questions regarding Northland
OIA113		7 Aug 2018	21 Sep 2018	28 Sep 2018	Consultation	Event briefing for Acting PM's visit to Taranaki, Update on West Coast economic development issues, Factors impacting on the international competitiveness of New Zealand's sawmilling industry, engagement with Taranaki by the Provincial Development Unit and the Just Transition Unit
OIA120		17 Aug 2018	19 Sep 2018	26 Sep 2018	Collating documents	I request a copy of the Investment Statement
OIA112		7 Aug 2018	7 Sep 2018 (to be extended)	14 Sep 2018	Consultation	Event briefing for meeting with Min Faafoi re: Kāpiti Air Services, Progressing RBI2/MBSF Expansion, Wider RED Ministers Agenda and papers Advice on hospital related requests for PGF funding, Manawatū-Whanganui Provincial Growth Fund Announcements
OIA104		26 Jul 2018	10 Sep 2018	17 Sep 2018	Sign out	A copy of: Accelerating processing of low-value PGF applications, How Ministers are informed of Provincial Growth Fund proposals, RED Officials meeting 27 June – agenda and papers – 25 June, IAP Advice for 2 July RED Ministers meeting – 28 June, RED Ministers meeting 2 July – agenda and papers – 28 June



Ministerial OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA122	Privacy of natural persons	27 Aug 2018	12-Sep 2018	19 Sep 2018	Scoping	I request the following information: Any and all advice, written and verbal, received regarding funding decisions relating to the Waitangi National Trust since November 2017
OIA124		31 Aug 2018	17 Sep 2018	24 Sep 2018	Scoping	I request a copy of the following documents: Update on Irrigation Acceleration Fund appropriation, PGF proposals for review, Provincial Growth Fund approval for package of three land restoration projects under One Billion Trees programme, the agenda, minutes and associated papers prepared for the following meetings: Meeting with Dunedin Mayor Dave Cull, MBIE weekly officials meeting
OIA127		28 Aug 2018	18 Sep 2018	25 Sep 2018	Scoping	I request a copy of the following document: 15 August Progress update on PGF proposal as at 14 August 2018. I also request the agenda, minutes and associated papers prepared for the following meetings: 13 August RED delegated Ministers meeting, 15 August MBIE weekly officials meeting



Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office (if applicable)	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0108	Privacy of natural persons	23 Jul 2018	11 Sep 2018	17 Sep 2018	Consultation	All documents, including the application, emails, concerning the Dunedin Waterfront Project's PGF application
1819-0261		21 Aug 2018	N/A	18 Sep 2018	Drafting	Copy of Te Hua O Te Kawariki Trust Manea Footprints of Kupe Business Plan
1819-0275		23 Aug 2018	13 Sep 2018	20 Sep 2018	Scoping	Items relating to funding Waitangi National Trust since November 2017
1819-0271		23 Aug 2018	13 Sep 2018	20 Sep 2018	Scoping	All info regarding the decision to set aside \$30million for all weather racing tracks
1819-0296		27 Aug 2018	17 Sep 2018	24 Sep 2018	Scoping	Applications, cases and advice that PDU has provided regarding fund recipients
1819-0338		29 Aug 2018	19 Sep 2018	26 Sep 2018	Scoping	Delegated Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting, Agency comments on PGF proposals for RED Ministers Meeting on 13 August
1819-0339		31 Aug 2018	21 Sep 2018	28 Sep 2018	Scoping	Protecting the term manuka honey: intellectual property issues, Visit to Waikato, 10 August 2018, Update on Taranaki Just Transitions Workshop and Next Steps, Bay of Connections Forum, 3 August 2018
1819-0335		31 Aug 2018	N/A	28 Sep 2018	Scoping	Report on the Charitable Status for EDAs



Documents for Proactive Release

Tracking Number	Name	Due to Minister's Office	Due for release	Status
0688 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly report for week ending 24 August 2018	7 Sep 2018	14 Sep 2018	Minister's office
0811 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly report for week ending 31 August 2018	14 Sep 2018	21 Sep 2018	Consultation
3286 17-18	Northland Announcements – 1 June 2018	14 Sep 2018	21 Sep 2018	Consultation

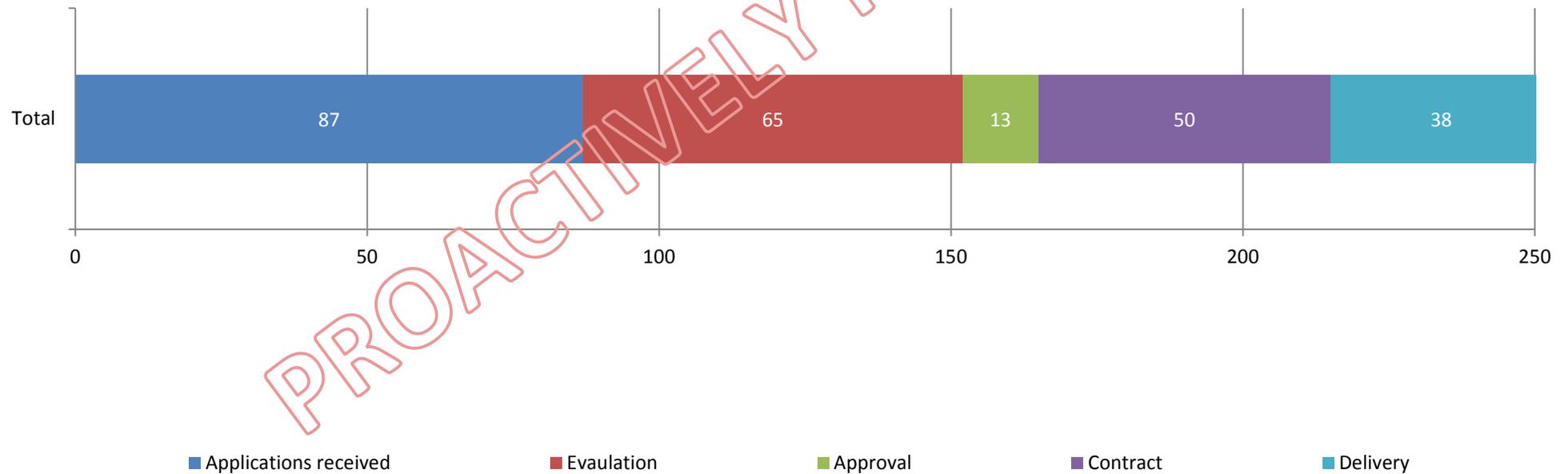
Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ1453	Privacy of natural persons	21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1449		21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1451		21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1464		21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1429		21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1469		21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1470		21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1428		21 Aug 2018	10 Sep 18	West Coast Regional Council



9. PGF Update

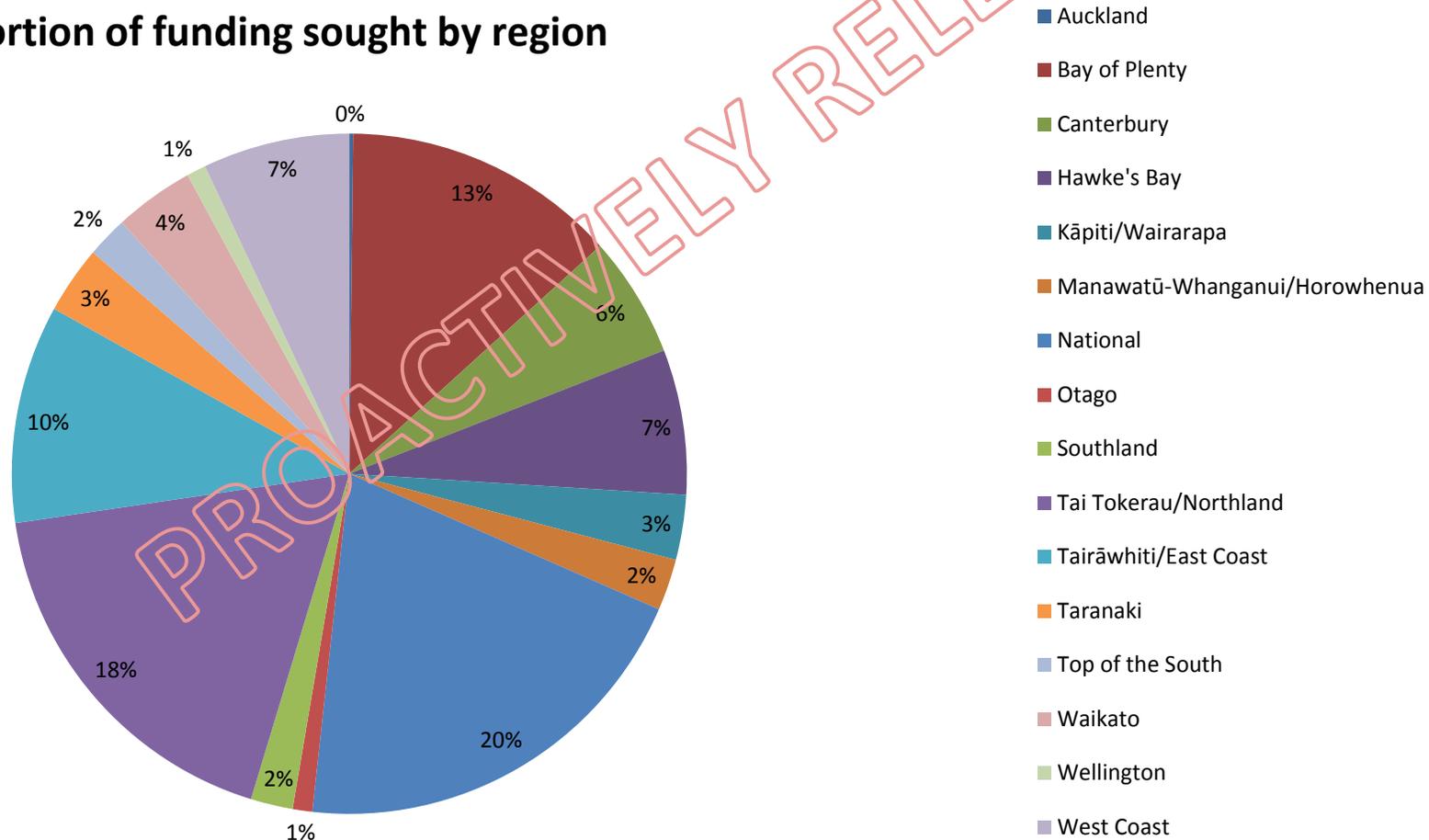
Progress of applications – 3 September 2018





Funding by region – 2 September 2018

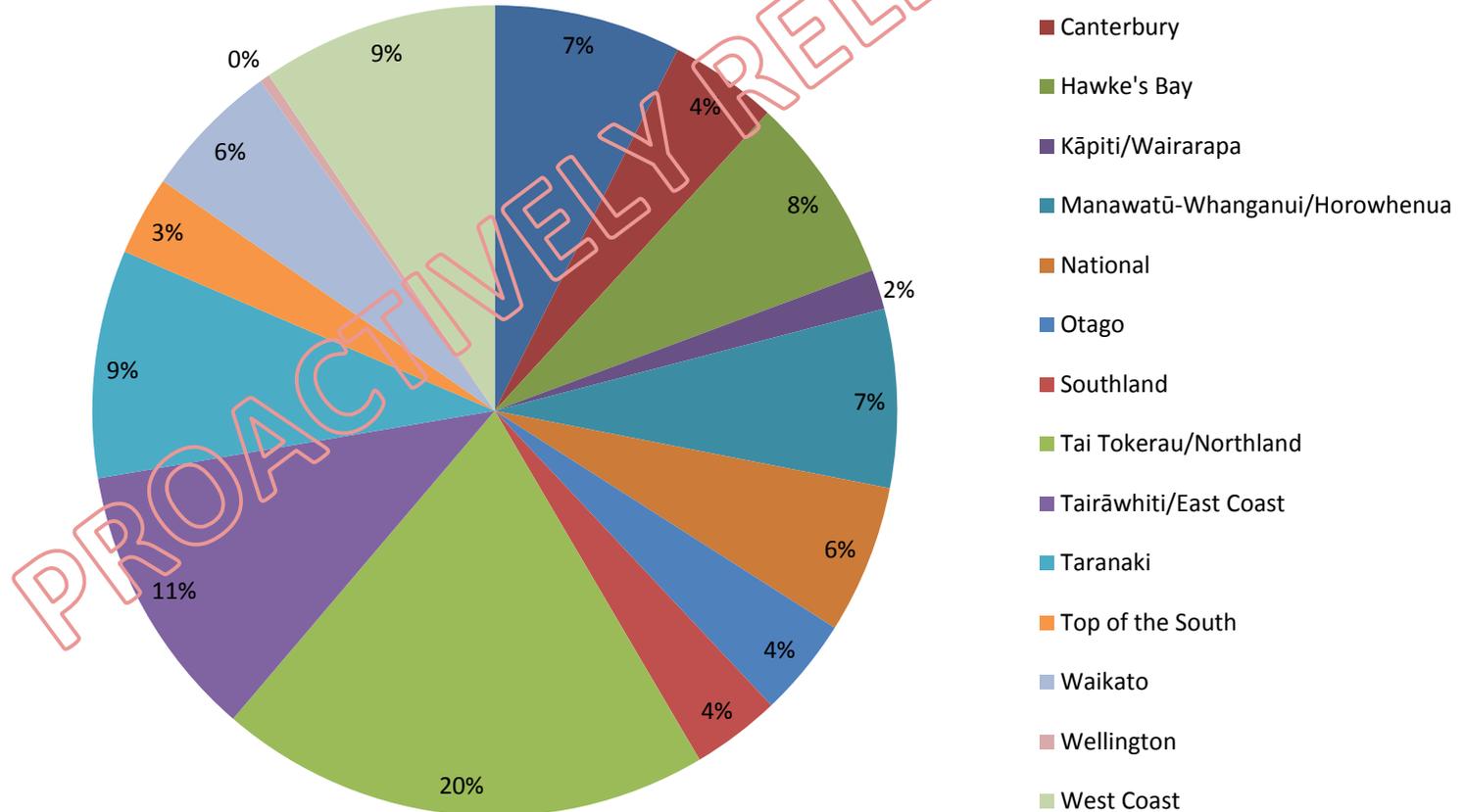
Proportion of funding sought by region





Applications by region – 3 September 2018

Proportion of applications by region





Applications by sector – 3 September 2018

Proportion of applications by sector

