



REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Weekly Report 10 September to 14 September 2018

Date:	14 September 2018	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	0978 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

Bay of Plenty

Comment:

Progress continues across the Bay of Plenty region, following Ministerial visits on 21 and 22 August 2018.

The Eastern Bay of Plenty has made significant progress in developing a strategy to support the Crown's investment in four infrastructure and connected development projects: Opōtiki aquaculture, high-value horticulture, the Kawerau Putauaki Industrial Development and a Whakatāne tourism and wharf cluster.

Major projects that require either Senior Regional Officials (SRO) or Regional Economic Development (RED) Ministers approval continue to be progressed in the areas of aquaculture, wharf development, food and beverage, water storage, tourism and White Island.

Responsible Manager: Ben Dalton, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps

Planning is underway for an announcement on 24 September regarding the Rotorua Lakefront Development and Whakarewarewa Forest Park applications.

Initial packages of phased funding for projects in aquaculture, high value horticulture and tourism are expected in November.

Hawke's Bay

National Aquarium of New Zealand

On 31 August 2018, Under-Secretary Fletcher Tabuteau visited Napier to meet with Napier City Council representatives. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the Council's plans to expand the National Aquarium of New Zealand, and to announce Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) funding for up to \$350k for a stage 2 feasibility study.

Hawke's Bay Food Innovation Hub

Sapere Research Group has been appointed to carry out the feasibility study and business case for the Hastings based, Hawke's Bay food hub in Tomoana.

Sapere has extensive experience in completing feasibility studies and business cases in the food, beverage and agri-tech industries.

The project is supported by a PGF grant of up to \$200K, and has region-wide support from the Matariki Executive Steering Group, Business Hawke's Bay, the New Zealand Food Innovation Network, University of Waikato, Maungaharuru Tangitū Ltd, and the Central Hawke's Bay District Council.

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Next Steps

The funding agreement documentation is due to be completed by 14 September 2018.

The feasibility study and business case is planned for completion in early 2019.



Southland/Otago

The Milford Opportunities Project Governance Group Meeting

The Milford Opportunities Project is having its next Governance Group meeting on 18 September 2018. At this meeting the Governance Group will consider an application for PGF funding. This will be used to produce a conceptual masterplan that responds to the aim of the project (a sustainable response to the growing visitor numbers at Milford Sound/Piopiotahi), and will be the platform for parties to move forward with a collective vision into the future. This master plan is due to be completed by November 2019.

Visit from Icelandic delegation to Queenstown and Milford Sounds

A visiting delegation from Iceland is coming to New Zealand and will be hosted by local government and business in Queenstown and Milford Sounds on 26-27 September 2018.

This delegation is made up of Ministers and Senior Officials in the Tourism portfolio. The trip is to learn about the issues and pressures facing New Zealand Tourism, and how central and local government is coping with these.

Dunedin Engineering Hub

Officials met with Farra Engineering (representing the Dunedin Engineering Hub) to discuss the approved feasibility funding which will quantify the opportunities available to the industry, and identify gaps in skills and capability that impact on the sector's ability to execute on these opportunities. This will be used to inform a business case for both government and industry to support investment in making our engineering sector more innovative.

Investment is likely to include components of upskilling the workforce, investment in facilities and infrastructure, and increased investment in research and development.

Responsible Manager: Ben Dalton, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps

PGF application to be submitted to the Provincial Development Unit by the Governance Group.

Officials will support with briefing material where required.

Officials will continue to work with Farra Engineering on this project and keep Ministers updated.

2. Provincial Development Unit

Project Status Update

Comment:

As at 10 September 2018, 509 projects had been lodged in PipeDrive. Twenty five are new projects as of this week. Of the 509 projects, 240 are Expressions of Interest (EoI) and 267 are applications. As of 10 September 2018, \$277 million of funding has been approved.

Responsible Manager: Robert Pigou, Privacy of natural persons



3. Media and Communications Schedule

Event or announcement date	Activity	Speech / media release due	MBIE Contact
TBC	LiDAR (<i>light detection and ranging</i>) investment announcement Regional Economic Development Minister will announce funding from the PGF to LINZ and regional councils so they can expand 3D mapping to support major development projects in the regions.	A press release has been provided to Minister Jones' office	Julia Paterson-Fourie



4. Upcoming Meetings and Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 17 September 2018	
Independent Advisory Panel meeting in Opōtiki	
Tuesday, 18 September 2018	
Wednesday, 19 September 2018	
BNZ/PwC seminar in Palmerston North - USEC	Briefing delivered 7 September
1.00pm-1.30pm USEC - Meeting with Kay Read, Senior Regional Official for Bay of Plenty	Briefing due 17 September
3.45pm-4.30pm Minister Jones – PDU Officials meeting	
Thursday, 20 September 2018	
Friday, 21 September 2018	

September

- 24 - Rotorua Announcements (USEC)
- 26 - BNZ/PwC seminar in Tauranga
- 27 - BNZ/PwC seminar in Whakatāne
- 27 - Senior Regional Officials meeting
- 27 - Meeting with Bathurst Resources Ltd (USEC)
- 28 - India NZ Business Council Summit (USEC)

November

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

October

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

December

- 6 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting



5. Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire and Reports

Tracker number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
0853 18-19	Event briefing for BNZ/PwC events in September	USEC	Robert Pigou	7 September 2018
0944 18-19	Information on EDAs	USEC/Minister Parker	AJ Millward	11 September 2018
0981 18-19	Event briefing for meeting with Martin Bell, Director, Entrepreneurship and Innovation AUT	USEC	Isabel Poulson	12 September 2018

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

Tracker number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Delivery Date
1005 18-19	Event briefing for meeting with Kay Read, SRO for Bay of Plenty, 19 September	USEC	Mark Jacobs	17 September 2018
TBC	Event briefing for announcements in Rotorua on 24 September	USEC	Mark Jacobs	20 September 2018
1006 18-19	Event briefing and a speech for the Under-Secretary at the India NZ Business Council Summit, 28 September	USEC	Isabel Poulson	21 September 2018
TBC	Event briefing for meeting with Bathurst Resources Ltd, 27 September	USEC	AJ Millward	25 September 2018
TBC	Briefing for RED Ministers meeting, 18 October	Minister Jones	Robert Pigou	11 October 2018



7. Ministerial Servicing

Ministerial OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA124	Privacy of natural persons	31 Aug 2018	17 Sep 2018	24 Sep 2018	Collating documents	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	Privacy of natural persons	28 Aug 2018	18 Sep 2018	24 Sep 2018	Collating documents	I request a copy of the following document: 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
OIA120	Privacy of natural persons	17 Aug 2018	19 Sep 2018	26 Sep 2018	Collating documents	I request a copy of the Investment Statement
OIA113	Privacy of natural persons	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



Ministerial OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA137	Privacy of natural persons	9 Sep 2018	26 Sep 2018	3 Oct 2018	Scoping	Deferring Cabinet report back on progress with the Provincial Growth Fund, I also request the agenda, minutes and associated papers prepared for the following meetings: Meeting with Hon Peters and Hon Twyford re rail 20 August 2018, Meeting with Whangarei mayor Sheryl Mai and Council CE Rob Forlong 21 August 2018
OIA122		27 Aug 2018	10 Oct 2018	17 Oct 2018	Collating documents	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

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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	Collating documents	Items relating to funding Waitangi National Trust since November 2017
1819-0271		23 Aug 2018	13 Sep 2018	20 Sep 2018	Collating documents	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	Collating documents	Applications, cases and advice that PDU has provided regarding fund recipients
1819-0338		29 Aug 2018	19 Sep 2018	26 Sep 2018	Collating documents	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	Collating documents	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



Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office (if applicable)	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0365	Privacy of natural persons	6 Sep 2018	N/A	4 Oct 2018	Scoping	There is a stretch of land near to my house that I understand has been applied for money for from the Regional Growth Fund. I was wondering if the applications to this fund are public knowledge because I would love to understand what the applicant sees as a plan for this piece of land.
1819-0363		6 Sep 2018	N/A	4 Oct 2018	Scoping	To date, how many applications to the Provincial Growth Fund have been received from the Kāpiti Coast District Council and separately from organisations, individuals, or businesses in the region covered by the Kāpiti Coast District Council? Of these applications, how many have been declined by the Provincial Growth Fund? Of the applications that have been declined, what were the reasons given for each being declined

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	Sign off



Documents for Proactive Release

Tracking Number	Name	Due to Minister's Office	Due for release	Status
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
0889 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly report for week ending 7 September 2018	21 Sep 2018	28 Sep 2018	Consultation

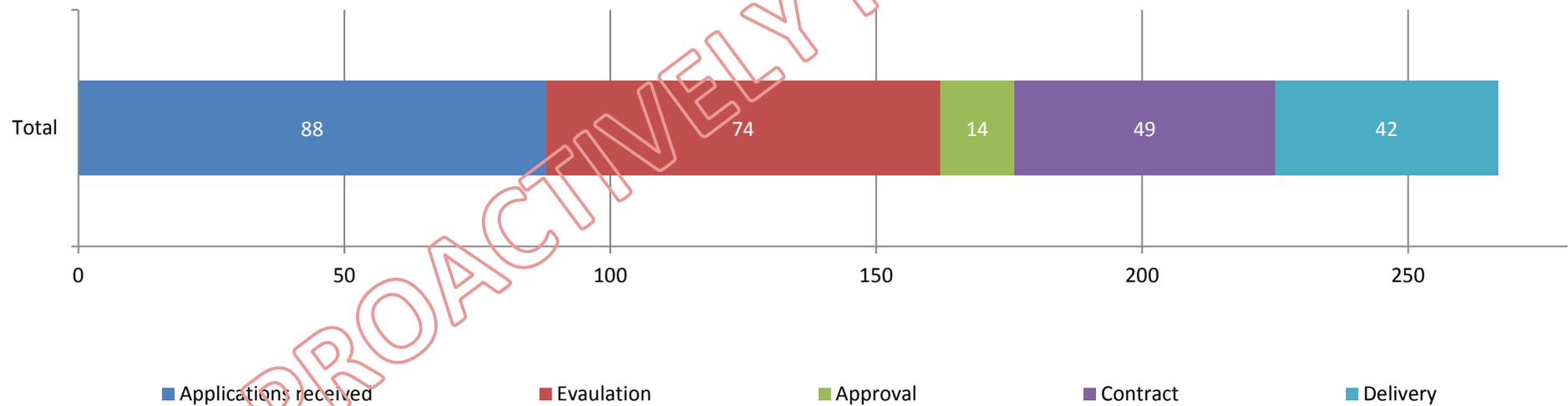
Ministerial Correspondence

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SJ1607	Privacy of natural persons	11-Sep-18	8-Oct-18	Development in the West Coast



8. PGF Update

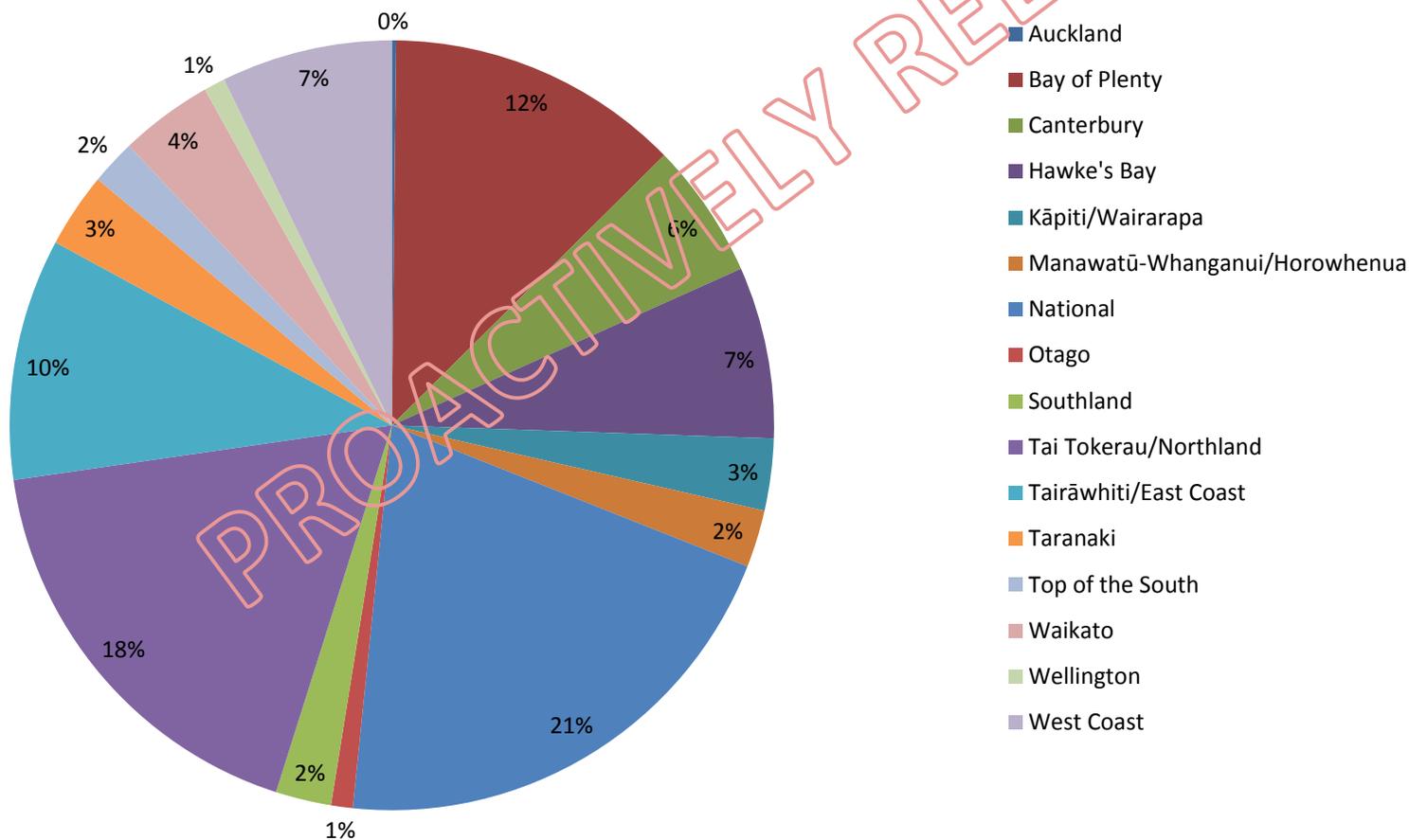
Progress of applications – 10 September 2018





Funding by region – 10 September 2018

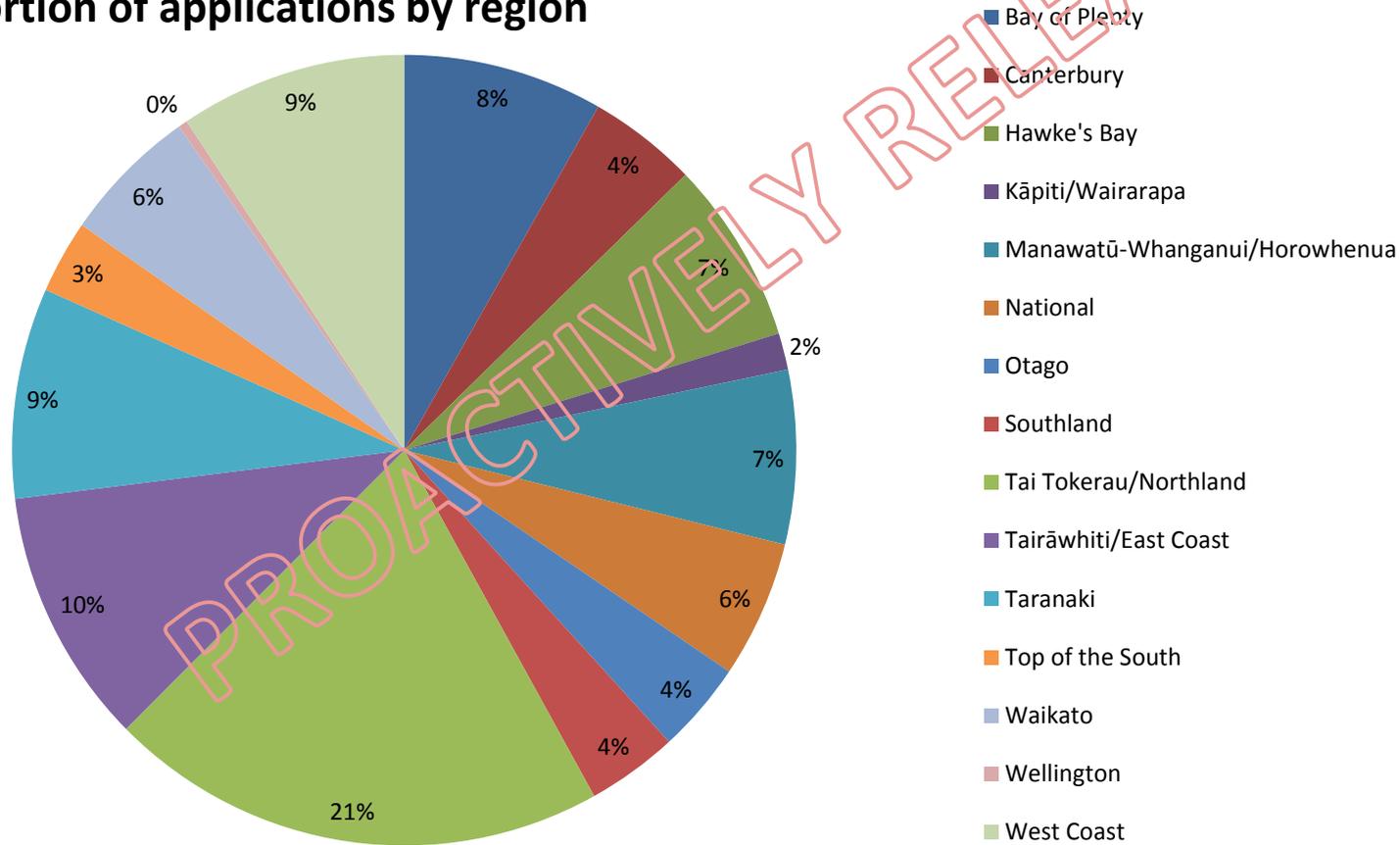
Proportion of funding sought by region





Applications by region – 10 September 2018

Proportion of applications by region





Applications by sector – 10 September 2018

Proportion of applications by sector

