

# Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

17 – 21 December 2018

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# 1. Dashboard updates

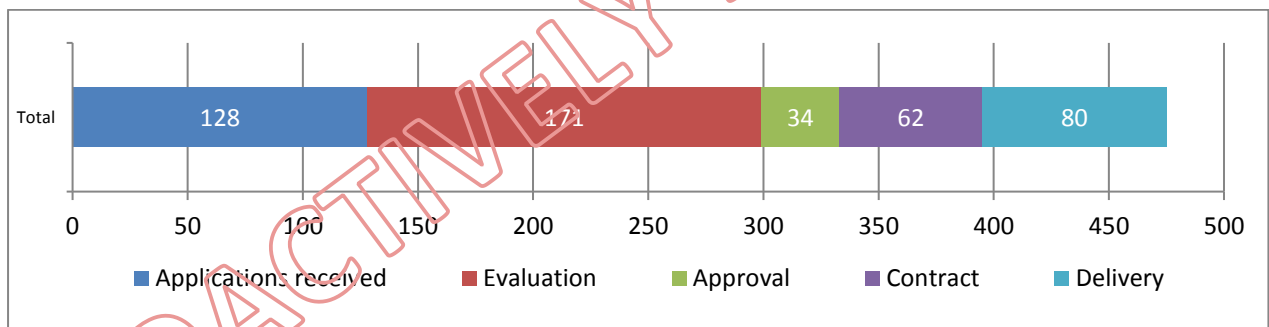
## 1.1 Status of applications as at 19 December

New projects this week	20
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
792	317	475

Total funding approved to date*	Total funding announced
208 projects for \$811m	120 projects for \$653.4m

## 1.2 Progress of applications as at 19 December



## 2. Regional Updates

### 2.1 Otago

#### PipeDrive update

As at 18 December 2018, 28 applications and Expressions of Interest (EOI) had been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications / EOI is:

- 21 are awaiting assessment
- 2 have been declined
- 5 have been approved.

#### Regional Activity

Officials from Dunedin City Council, Waitaki, Central Otago, Clutha and Queenstown Lakes District Councils and Otago Regional Council have met fortnightly over the past three months to develop the Otago Regional Economic Development Strategic Framework. The framework will be used to test initiatives to ensure they reflect local aspirations and expectations. The framework is co-funded by the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) and is due for completion in early 2019.

The Councils will develop a region-wide strategic assessment to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. A framework based on the Better Business Case (BBC) strategic assessment will be developed which will set out the economic context across Otago as well as identify potential themes and areas of common interest for investment. The project aims to help build regional collaboration among the Otago councils in the short-term and to identify long-term regional opportunities.

Five pre-application meetings have been undertaken. In the week before Christmas 2018, meetings are being scheduled with businesses and entities in Dunedin, Wanaka and Queenstown.

#### Upcoming Announcements

There are no upcoming announcements for the region.

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### 2.2 Taranaki

#### PipeDrive update

As at 18 December 2018, 39 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 4 are being assessed
- 19 have been approved
- 4 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 2 are awaiting further information
- 1 is on hold
- 9 are awaiting assessment.

#### Regional Activity

Taranaki has an Economic Action Plan entitled Tapuae Roa, and has a number of work streams contributing to the outcomes within it. They include moving to a clean energy future, future food opportunities, and a developed iwi/Māori economy. These work streams are largely led by Venture Taranaki and MBIE.

In addition to Tapuae Roa, over the past year work has developed to respond to the opportunity the PGF provides, as well as 'Just Transitions', a programme of engagement with the local community to identify a pathway to a new economic future, following policy changes to oil and gas exploration. An extensive consultation process with local representatives has been designed and is being rolled out. These three areas all contribute to the economic development programme planned for the region in 2019.

Funding announced for Tapuae Roa at the start of 2018 has led to a range of business cases being advanced over the year. The majority of these are due to have report-backs completed by the end of February 2019. It is expected that these report-backs are likely to result in a number of possible PGF applications from the region to support particular economic sectors. Just Transitions workshops may result in an increased awareness of projects that would benefit from funding to accelerate economic opportunities. Alternative fuel uses and technologies are of particular interest.

### Regional Engagement

A Tapuae Steering Group has been established in the region and has just held its second meeting. Representatives include district Mayors, iwi representatives and the Regional Council Chair. It is supported by MBIE Provincial Development Unit (PDU) and Just Transitions advisors, as well as Council and EDA staff. The purpose of the Steering Group is to ensure civic leaders are familiar with the range of funding applications being developed in the region under the various programmes, and to give guidance on their focus and priority.

Additional meetings have been held, or are scheduled, between PDU staff and other organisations, including with the Ministry of Social Development, Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK), Venture Taranaki, the Chief Executive of Taranaki Iwi, and the TSB Community Trust, the latter of which makes funding grants to the region and may be a potential partner for projects in 2019.

Going forward, MBIE's Whenua Māori, the 1 Billion Trees programme led by Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), and other land based economic opportunities will be actively explored.

### Upcoming Announcements

There are no upcoming announcements planned.

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## 2.3 Manawatū-Whanganui

### PipeDrive update

As at 18 December 2018, 69 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 7 is being assessed
- 23 have been approved
- 18 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 5 are awaiting further information
- 4 are on hold
- 12 are awaiting assessment.

## Regional Activity

- A high number of applications continue to be submitted through PipeDrive for the Manawatū-Whanganui region, and the PDU team are working through the backlog in the date received order, acknowledging the need to expedite the process so applicants can be advised as soon as possible.
- **Team Government Hui:** Team Government is convening weekly meetings to:
  - prepare for the next investment package announcements in March 2019,
  - plan forward for the next phase of developments to support the Manawatū-Whanganui region, and
  - identify and establish project teams for each area of development priorities involving different agencies as needed.

- **Ruapehu District Field Visit:** Team Government consisting of PDU, Department of Conservation (DOC) and TPK were hosted by the Ruapehu District Council (RDC) for a field visit in the Ruapehu District. The field visit provided team government with an awareness of all the areas where there are works happening within the Ruapehu Visitor Development Plan, as well as those that are emerging.

The field visit included meetings with the Mayor and the Chief Executive of the RDC and with Iwi; Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Hikairo, Uenuku, Tamahaki and Tamakana. The Iwi discussions provided an opportunity to discuss PGF in general as well as the opportunity for Team Government to get an insight into the potential projects currently being investigated by Iwi.

The next meeting of Team Government and RDC is planned for January 17th 2019.

- **PGF Iwi Meetings:**

Date	Iwi/Hapu
18 December 2018	Ngāti Hikairo (Hapū of Tūwharetoa)
18 December 2018	Uenuku, Tamakana and Tamahaki
12 December 2018	Ngāti Kauwhata
11 December 2018	Ngāti Rangī

- **SRO Participation:** The SRO and officials attended the final Accelerate25 meeting of the year at Turakina, the Te Waiariki-Ngāti Apa headquarters. The SRO stressed the importance of actively targeting investment-ready proposals for 2019, prioritising Whenua Māori, commercial opportunities and employment.
- **Regional Contact:** Team Government consisting of PDU, MBIE, MPI and TPK continue to work collaboratively with stakeholders in the Manawatū-Whanganui region to identify potential opportunities and development aspirations for PGF.

There are a number of initiatives that focus on skills training and employments with some aligned to the work ready for infrastructure development, and have been given indications of positive support from the private sector. PDU collaboration between the Regional Development, Sector Workforce Engagement and Te Ara Mahi teams will ensure that the Manawatū-Whanganui region builds skills capacity and capability to better prepared and respond to industry employment demands of the Manawatū-Whanganui region.

- **Accelerate 25:** Lead team members were joined by mayors of Whanganui and Manawatū and the Deputy Mayor of Tararua. MSD tabled a proposed flexible approach to identify and implement employment initiatives across the region and

this was positively received. Mayors noted the employment shortage in some industries and locations, for example ANZSCO freezing works.

### Upcoming Announcements

We are working on the next investment package of announcements for Manawatū-Whanganui, currently scheduled for March 2019.

Due to the volume of applications that are being worked on with stakeholders in the region, the decisions of applications are dependent on SRO, Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) and Ministerial decisions.

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## 3. Other Updates

### 3.1 Commercial Advisors Scheme He Tupu Ōhanga

The He Tupu Ōhanga: Commercial Advisors Scheme is funded through Te Pūnaha Hīringa: Māori Innovation Fund and supports initiatives that contribute towards achieving the goals and priorities in He kai kei aku ringa. Successful Māori collectives are funded up to \$60,000 to work with a commercial advisor for up to 18 months. The commercial advisors offer professional business advice and mentoring to collectives that are working on business development projects aimed at realising the commercial value of their assets.

The applications for the 2018 round of the He Tupu Ōhanga: Commercial Advisors Scheme were considered by an assessment panel in November.

The scheme received 59 applications and requested funding totalling over \$3 million. Members of the assessment panel commented that projects submitted this year were of a high quality.

A total of \$1.48 million has been awarded to 33 projects to undertake a range of projects in farming, tourism, housing and property development sectors. This year's intake includes projects seeking to develop businesses in the emerging hemp and medicinal cannabis markets.

Applicants will be notified on the outcomes of their applications before Christmas 2018, with contracts planned to be in place and projects underway at the beginning of February 2019.

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## Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 24 December 2018	
Tuesday, 25 December 2018	
Wednesday, 26 December 2018	
Thursday, 27 December 2018	
Friday, 28 December 2018	

### December

### January

- 15 Independent Advisory Panel Meeting
- 29 RED Ministers Meeting



## Appendix 2 – Media & Communications Schedule

Media & Communications Schedule		
Date of Event/ Announcement	Activity	MBIE Contact
3 February 2019	Prime Minister to make major PGF announcements at Waitangi – Te Ara Mahi, Whenua Māori, Kaipara package, marae digital connectivity. Draft press releases and associated material will be provided to Minister Jones' Office by 19 January 2019	Jarred Griffiths
5 February 2019	Announcement and event regarding next steps for the Maori Battalion Museum. Draft press releases and associated material will be provided to Minister Jones' Office by 19 January 2019	Jarred Griffiths
TBC	Announcement the PGF is investing to establish a National Algae Centre at the Cawthron Institute. A draft press release and associated material will be provided to Minister Jones' Office in early 2019.	Laura Barnsley
TBC	Announcement the PGF is supporting the Predator Free 2050 project. A draft press release and associated material will be provided to Minister Jones' Office in early 2019.	Laura Barnsley

### Appendix 3 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
2108 18-19	PGF funding to assist economic development agencies short-term PGF portfolio management capacity	USEC	Isabel Poulson	18 Dec

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## Appendix 4 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date

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## Appendix 5 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA221	Privacy of [REDACTED]	12 Dec	22 Jan	28 Jan	Drafting	Copies of: 1. The terms of the loan agreement with Westland Milk Products. 2. Any application documents from Westland Milk Products prepared as part of seeking PGF funding. 3. Any advice from officials to the Minister in relation to the loan to Westland Milk Products
OIA217	Privacy of [REDACTED]	12 Dec	16 Jan	23 Jan	Drafting	Copies of: 1. Kawerau announcement briefing minister 26 Oct 18 2. LiDAR announcement briefing minister 26 Oct 18 3. Homeownership support outside of urban centres 25 Oct 18
OIA181	Privacy of [REDACTED]	5 Nov	17 Jan	22 Jan	Drafting	Copies of all briefings, cabinet papers, agendas and minutes
OIA208	Privacy of [REDACTED]	29 Nov	19 Dec	24 Dec	Consulting	Copy of three papers referenced in PQ 29184 (2018)
OIA197	Privacy of [REDACTED]	21 Nov	10 Dec	18 Jan	Drafting	Request for copies of documents as referenced in WPQ 27958 (2018)
OIA190	Privacy of [REDACTED]	20 Nov	17 Dec	24 Jan	Drafting	WPQs 26481 + 27175 CAB Investment in Skills and Infrastructure and Report Back

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0275	Privacy of [REDACTED]	23 Aug	1 Nov	8 Nov	Consultation	Items relating to funding Waitangi National Trust since November 2017

## Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0469	Privacy of natural persons	24 Sept	13 Dec	20 Dec	Sign out	All funding applications and advice under Provincial Development Fund 27/08
1819-0485	Privacy of [REDACTED]	26 Sept	13 Dec	20 Dec	Sign out	Request complete list all projects announced Provincial Growth Fund 26 Sep
1819-0664	Privacy of [REDACTED]	29 Oct	19 Nov	20 Dec	Sign out	Request for all briefings etc. produced by PDU 23rd Feb-31st March 2018
1819-0696	Privacy of [REDACTED]	31 Oct	21 Nov	25 Jan	Drafting	Business case and feasibility study regarding Oparara Arches
1819-0879	Privacy [REDACTED]	1 Dec	14 Jan	18 Jan	Transferred to MPI	Copy of documents relating to \$6.6m allocated from PGF
1819-0864	Privacy of [REDACTED]	30 Nov	14 Jan	21 Jan	Scoping	Tourism projects receiving PGF grants on the West Coast
1819-0868	Privacy of [REDACTED]	30 Nov	14 Jan	21 Jan	Scoping	Copies of papers regarding PGF between 24 Sep to 30 Nov 18
1819-0871	Privacy of [REDACTED]	30 Nov	14 Jan	21 Jan	Scoping	Details of structure of \$9.9 million PGF loan to Westland Milk Products
1819-0856	Privacy of [REDACTED]	23 Nov	10 Feb	17 Jan	Drafting	Documents relating to Proactive Release for RED Minister
1819-0857	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	28 Nov	10 Jan	17 Jan	Drafting	Budget and ultimate expenditure for launch video
1819-0845	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	26 Nov	20 Dec	24 Dec	Drafting	Copy request for PGF application for the Blue Mussel Processing Plant

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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0945	Privacy of [REDACTED]	13 Dec	25 Jan	1 Feb	Scoping	Copy of Application for Funding form submitted by Barton; all documents submitted by Barton in support of their application; PGF Funding Agreement (or Loan Agreement) between Barton and MBIE; and, all MBIE documents relating to both the assessment of, and the decision to approve, the Application for Funding Copy of Application for Funding form submitted by WMP; all documents submitted by WMP in support of their above application; PGF Funding Agreement (or Loan Agreement) between WMP and MBIE; and, all MBIE documents relating to both the assessment of, and the decision to approve, the Application for Funding.
1819-0938	Privacy of [REDACTED]	12 Dec	24 Jan	31 Jan	Drafting	Copy of all one page assessments of Provincial Growth Fund projects.
1819-0925	Privacy of [REDACTED]	11 Dec	23 Jan	30 Jan	Scoping	Request for all communications relating to the processing of this request, including the assessment of the request and the preparation of the Ministry's responses to this information request. For the purposes of this request 'communications' includes emails, letters, internal correspondence, briefings, file notes etc.

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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0911	Privacy of [REDACTED]	29 Nov	11 Jan	18 Jan	Drafting	Copy of the Bay of Plenty's Regional Development Plan, the first and any subsequent versions of the Bay of Plenty Regional Development Plan that included water bottling as an opportunity for the Region (with the dates those Plans came into effect), documents confirming when water bottling was removed from the Bay of Plenty Regional Development Plan (if water bottling has been removed from the Plan).
1819-0891	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	4 Dec	16 Jan	23 Jan	Scoping	What are the terms are for the loan to Westland milks, why Westland were given a loan by the taxpayers of new Zealand, how much of the regional fund has been spent and what the balance is on this fund Mr Jones has at his disposal? Further what is the approved criteria?
1819-0887	Privacy of [REDACTED]	4 Dec	16 Jan	23 Jan	Scoping	Documentation on the TranzAlpine and Coastal Pacific service upgrades, including a detailed breakdown of costs.
1819-0890	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	4 Dec	16 Jan	23 Jan	Scoping	All documents held related to the PGF loan to Westland Milk Products.
1819-0888	Privacy of [REDACTED]	4 Dec	16 Jan	23 Jan	Scoping	Terms of the loan to Westland Milk and Garnet Mine.

## Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0485	Privacy of [REDACTED]	26 Sep	13 Dec	20 Dec	Sign out	Complete list of all projects announced as Provincial Growth Fund recipients as at 26 September 2018 including the following details for each project: the total amount of funding allocated, split over each financial year, all stakeholders involved, who announced the project, the date the application for funding was received by the Provincial Development Unit, the date the application for funding was accepted by the Provincial Development Unit, whether or not a funding agreement/contract has been signed, the date the funding agreement/contract was signed, the name of all parties named on the funding agreement/contract, a list of all government departments/agencies that are providing advice, information or have/are being consulted on the project

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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0464	Privacy of [REDACTED]	22 Sep		16 Nov	Consulting	<p>All records on the Regional Development Funding application for the upgrade of the Russell Wharf including all communications sent to or received from any person, including from Far North District Council, Far North Holdings Limited, the Russell Wharf and Waterfront Trust and the Minister of Regional Economic Development related to the upgrade to the Russell Wharf and/or the decision to provide Regional Development Fund money towards the upgrade. These communications should include any draft(s) and final business case provided, any prior advice provided by the Ministry or its staff on eligibility of the Russell Wharf upgrade for the Regional Development Fund, any communications or advice provided on the business case and its preparation and review, any communications with to from any of the Directors of Far North Holdings Limited or any of the Trustees of the Russell Wharf and Waterfront Trust or the Far North Mayor or any Councillor.</p>

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## Appendix 6 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2072	Privacy of natural	17 Dec	25 Jan	Complaint about the rationale behind Provincial Growth Fund investment in Tairāwhiti- too much focus on business.
SJ2000	Privacy of	19 Dec	25 Jan	Privacy of has written a series of emails to Minister Jones in support of a water reduction technology for dairy farms.

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## Appendix 7 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question

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## Appendix 8 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Tracking Number	Name	Due for release	Status
N/A	Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting papers	From 14 January 2019	Ministerial consultation
N/A	Independent Advisory Panel meeting papers	From 14 January 2019	Redactions being made
N/A	Senior Regional Official meeting papers	TBC	Being reviewed
N/A	Cabinet papers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGF Investment in skills and infrastructure</li> <li>• PGF West Coast Tourism Investment Package</li> <li>• DEV Report back</li> </ul>	From 14 January 2019	Agency consultation

Documents Released This Week		
Tracking Number	Request	Published
1974 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly Report week ending 7 December	21 December 2018
2056 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly Report week ending 14 December	21 December 2018
1718-1380	Departmental OIA release to Privacy of [REDACTED]	21 December 2018
1718-1713	Departmental OIA release to Privacy of [REDACTED]	21 December 2018