



## Regional Economic Development Weekly Report

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Hon Shane Jones  
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Minister's comments:

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# Updates

## Southern Waikato Economic Action Plan

A Request for Proposals for a Southern Waikato Economic Action Plan was released on the Government Electronic Tender Service on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Government officials have been working over recent months with Waikato Means Business (the economic governance group for the Waikato region), local government and iwi to develop the scope of the work. The Action Plan will focus on the districts of South Waikato, Waitomo and Otorohanga, which have each faced challenges of declining population, lack of industry, high unemployment rates, low household incomes, and an infrastructure deficit. The project will involve cataloguing the significant economic opportunities to grow employment and incomes in those districts, and to subsequently develop an action plan that will help to realise those opportunities. It is expected that consultants will be appointed in January 2018 and work to develop the action plan will begin in February 2018. We will keep you updated on progress.

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## Taranaki – Development of Regional Action Plan for launch in February 2018

The strategy outlined key outcomes to support growth and continued economic development in the region. Focus areas within the strategy include tourism, future foods, energy, talent and skills, lifestyle and vibrancy, and the Māori economy.

Since the launch of the strategy (August 2017), the lead team, comprised of representatives from the four councils of Taranaki, business leaders, and representatives from the eight Iwi within Taranaki, have progressed to the action planning phase.

To date, the Action Plan which address the key focus areas are being drafted and are currently in consultation with central government agencies. The government response to the Action Plan will be considered by Senior Regional Officials in late January. This will be provided to Ministers for consideration early February. The region are keen to launch the Regional Action Plan in late February 2018.

Contact Person:  
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# Media and Communications Schedule

Timing	Events and Announcements	Proposed activity
25 Jan 18	Ratana birthday commemoration	Opportunity to make announcements
6 Feb 18	Waitangi Day Commemorations	Opportunity to make announcements
Feb 18 - TBC	Waikato Regional Economic Development Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material
Feb 18 - TBC	Taranaki Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material

## Upcoming Regional Visits

Timing	Region	Proposed activity
February	Northland – Waitangi	TBC
February	West Coast	TBC
February	Taranaki	TBC – Launch of the Regional Economic Action Plan

# Upcoming Briefings

<b>Due Ministers Office</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sign Out Manager</b>
15 Dec 17	WET plant in Gisborne	John Doorbar
19 Dec 17	Measuring the benefits of the Provincial Growth Fund	John Doorbar
20 Dec 17	Strategic procurement benefitting Māori	Hinemaua Rikirangi
20 Dec 17	Regional Growth Initiative Fund – Northland Tourism Projects	John Doorbar
16 Jan 18	Advice on centralised distribution of capital	John Doorbar

# Ministerial Correspondence

<b>Requestor's Name</b>	<b>Tracking number and Request</b>	<b>Due to Minister</b>	<b>Sign Out Manager</b>
Privacy of [REDACTED]	SJ104	15 Dec 17	John Doorbar
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Privacy of [REDACTED]	SJ131	22 Dec 17	John Doorbar
Privacy of [REDACTED]	SJ141	22 Dec 17	John Doorbar
Privacy of [REDACTED]	SJ103	22 Dec 17	John Doorbar
Privacy of [REDACTED]	SJ125	22Dec 17	John Doorbar
Privacy of [REDACTED]	SJ119	22 Dec 17	John Doorbar
Privacy of [REDACTED]	SJ164	3 Jan 18	John Doorbar
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