



## Regional Economic Development Weekly Report

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Hon Shane Jones  
**Minister for Regional Economic Development**

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# Updates

## Establishment of a Regional Economic Development Unit

MBIE is to strengthen its focus on regional economic development with the establishment of a new Regional Economic Development (RED) Unit, led by a new Head of Regional Economic Development. This move reflects the increased emphasis by the Government on regional economic development including the establishment of a new \$1 billion Provincial Growth Fund (PGF). The establishment of RED Unit will ensure that MBIE, and broader Government, is able to meet Ministers' short and long term expectations, align and leverage the cross-government activity the PGF envisages, and deliver the significant benefits to the regions the fund has to offer. It will also position government to build on and continue to improve its engagement with the regions. The creation of a separate unit for RED will also enable the other parts of MBIE to focus on support for the Economic Development portfolio. Recruitment for the new Head of Regional Development Unit commenced on 25 January. It is expected that the recruitment process will be completed in March. Once the role has been filled, the Regions and Cities team will shift from Labour, Science and Enterprise to the new Unit.

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## Taranaki Economic Action Plan

The Taranaki region is preparing for the launch of its economic action plan tentatively pencilled in for Friday 23 March 2018.

Central Government is currently preparing a response to the region's action plan that will be provided to you in the coming weeks.

Al Morrison, Taranaki Senior Regional Official, will provide a quick update on progress on the action plan, a high level overview of key projects that could be announced on the launch day at your weekly officials meeting on 31 January 2018.

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## 28<sup>th</sup> Maori Battalion Museum at Waitangi

MBIE and Ministry for Culture and Heritage have continued to consult with the Waitangi National Trust on undertaking the required feasibility for the 28th Maori Battalion Museum.

MBIE has approved funding of up to \$100,000 for the Waitangi National Trust to undertake the feasibility work.

MBIE will work alongside Ministers' offices (Minister for Art, Culture and Heritage and yourself) to prepare an announcement for Waitangi Day 2018 on government's support for this project.

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# Media and Communications Schedule

Timing	Events and Announcements	Proposed activity
6 Feb 18	Waitangi Day Commemorations	Opportunity to make announcements
18 Mar 18 - TBC	Taranaki Economic Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material
19 Mar 18 – TBC	Opotiki Harbour Development project announcement	Minister Jones' office will be provided with communications material
18 June 18 - TBC	Waikato Regional Economic Development 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 Economic Action Plan

# Upcoming Briefings

<b>Due Ministers Office</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sign Out Manager</b>
26 Jan 18	Submission to APH for PGF Independent Advisory Panel appointments	Iain Southall
30 Jan 18	Event Briefing - Meeting with Helen Mexted, Malcolm Alexander and Dave Cull, Local Government NZ	Iain Southall
31 Jan 18	1827 17-18 Meeting with the Mayor of the Grey District	Stephanie Weller
31 Jan 18	PGF funding sources	Iain Southall
8 Feb 18	Regional Growth Programme – Government response to the Taranaki Economic Action Plan	Stephanie Weller

# Ministerial Correspondence

<b>Requestor's Name</b>	<b>Tracking number and Request</b>	<b>Due to Minister</b>	<b>Sign Out Manager</b>
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