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# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Provincial Growth Fund: Effectively Managing the Pipeline of Applications

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On 25 September 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1        **noted** the progress the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) has made in administering the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) in line with Cabinet-agreed timeframes, as outlined in the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0260;
- 2        **noted** that, based on the current 32 percent conversion rate of applications into approved projects, the PDU expects a significant proportion of applications that have not yet been decided will not adequately meet the PGF's eligibility and assessment criteria for investment;
- 3        **noted** that, in consultation with Regional Economic Development Ministers, the Minister for Regional Economic Development has authorised the PDU to implement the following operational changes to support timely decision-making:
  - 3.1      the PDU implements timeframes for applicants to supply any further information requested to evaluate or progress an application, with an option to recommend declining the application if timeframes are not met; and
  - 3.2      the PDU subjects all new and existing applications to a triage analysis – in line with established criteria, and in consultation with relevant agencies – to determine if further evaluation is warranted and, if not, recommends declining the application;
- 4        **noted** that on 23 July 2018, Cabinet agreed to change the delegations for the PGF so that the Head of the PDU has the authority to decline any applications that clearly do not meet the criteria of the PGF [CAB-18-MIN-0347];
- 5        **noted** that, given the pipeline of PGF projects, the phase of the PGF the government is moving into, and the importance of informing applicants of the results of their applications, the Minister for Regional Economic Development now considers that it is appropriate to broaden this decline delegation;

- 6 **agreed** to broaden the Head of PDU's decline delegation to include the authority to decline applications in accordance with operational changes approved by the Minister for Regional Economic Development (paragraph 3 above), which will support the PDU to make timely recommendations to decision-makers.

Jack Petterson  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Phil Twyford (Chair)  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway  
Hon Jenny Salesa  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Willie Jackson

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