



Subject	Minutes of the Independent Advisory Panel meeting held on Thursday 6 th December 2018 at 10:30am – 3:30pm at McLean Park, Napier, Hawkes Bay
Panel members:	Mr John Rae (Chairperson), Ms Sarah Brown, Mr Neville Harris & Mr John Sproat
In attendance:	Ms AJ Millward (Acting Head of Provincial Development Unit), David van der Zouwe (Investment Director), Ms Kate Kuska (Secretariat), Ms Glynis Mussen (Secretariat)
Attendees:	Mr Jason Hall, Mr Dipankar Ganguly, Privacy of natural persons, Mr Mark Patterson, Ms Jane Frances and Mr Jerome Wyeth (Consultant)
Apologies:	Mr Rodger Finlay, Ms Rosie Mercer, Dr David Wilson, Dr Charlotte Severne

1. Meeting Administration

Reference #	6/12/2018/01
Commentary:	<p>(a) The IAP meeting took place in Napier at McLean Park in the Hawkes Bay region.</p> <p>(b) Rodger Finlay, Rosie Mercer, Charlotte Severne and David Wilson submitted their apologies.</p> <p>(c) Privacy of natural persons [REDACTED].</p>

2.1 PDU Leadership Insights

Reference #	6/122018/02
Commentary:	<p>(a) AJ Millward (Acting Head of PDU) provided a verbal update on the PDU, advising that a high volume of Parliamentary Questions are being received daily. Weekly reports to the Minister and departmental OIA requests are being proactively released on the PDU website. By Christmas 2018, all remaining RED Minister meeting material, all remaining IAP meeting material, Cabinet Papers and some Senior Regional Officials meeting material will also be proactively released.</p> <p>(b) Commercial Information [REDACTED].</p> <p>(c) Advertisement for the Head of the Provincial Development Unit position is live.</p> <p>(d) AJ discussed upcoming announcements including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bay of Plenty - announcement is scheduled for next week, primarily around aquaculture packages. - Northland – currently finalising with the Commercial Information [REDACTED]. - Top of South Island – Announcements planned for mid-February depending on Commercial Information [REDACTED].

	<p>decision expected on 6 December. Key messages were provided to the Ministers.</p> <p>Commercial Information [REDACTED].</p> <p>(e) AJ discussed the PDU strategic day for staff and Senior Regional Officials held on Friday 30th November.</p>
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2.2 PDU Plan on a Page

Reference #	6/12/2018/03
Commentary:	<p>Noted as read.</p> <p>The panel discussed the Provincial Growth Fund primary objectives and suggested further canvassing of these with the regions through some form of communications roadshows to prevent confusion about the criteria.</p> <p>Feedback was received from the panel on the point under “Areas of Focus” titled “Transition to PGF”. The panel suggests this could be more concise to reflect timelines and administering of contracts.</p> <p>Panel asked to be kept informed by PDU on Hold Co.</p>

2.3 Provincial Growth Fund Priorities for 2019

Reference #	6/12/2018/04
Commentary:	<p>AJ Millward updated the panel on the key areas of focus for 2018 and 2019. The focus for 2018 was on establishing the PDU, scaling up to manage a \$3 billion portfolio and achieving significant integration packages for the regions. Priorities for 2019 are sector based investments, further packages in surge regions and investment in non-surge regions.</p> <p>Commercial Information [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>The panel agreed with a PDU Senior Communications person attending the IAP meetings.</p>

2.4 PGF Progress report

Reference #	6/12/2018/05
Commentary:	<p>Panel discussed the report provided by the Head of the Provincial Development Unit to the Minister.</p> <p>Secretariat to implement a process for major announcements and projects of interest to be made available to the panel.</p>

Commercial Information - declined project

3.2 Northland Soft Berry Fruit (Northland)

Reference #	6/12/2018/07
Commentary:	<p>The panel supports the Northland Soft Berry Fruit project in principle. The project is well aligned to the key PGF criteria, in particular the creation of permanent jobs, alignment with the Te Tai Tokerau Northland Action Plan, is supported by local hapū and Northland Inc and delivers additionality by expanding on an existing hydroponic development and a successful berry brand.</p> <p>The IAP recommend the PDU negotiate an alternative financial arrangement for this project based on one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Information [Redacted] • Commercial Information [Redacted]

3.3 Sustainable Mineral Extract Plant – Northland Plan, Ohaaki Geothermal Field (Bay of Plenty)

Reference #	6/21/2018/08
Commentary:	<p>The panel recommends that the Sustainable Extraction Project is supported by the PGF.</p> <p>The Sustainable Minerals Extraction Project has the potential to deliver benefits that strongly align with the PGF criteria including the creation of ^{Comm} permanent jobs, additionality through technology improving the production efficiency of existing geothermal operations and benefits to the local economy and community.</p> <p>The panel recommends PDU undertake further financial and investment modelling work with Geo40 Limited to negotiate a financial package that is structured in a way to ensure the best chance of project success whilst ensuring the IP technology can be more broadly available for use elsewhere in New Zealand.</p>

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3.7 Otago Waterfront Project (paper for noting)

Reference #	6/12/2018/12
Commentary:	Panel noted the paper.

4.2 SRO Investment Commitments (November)

Reference #	6/12/2018/13
Commentary:	Panel discussed the commitments.

5.1 General Business

Reference #	6/12/2018/13
Commentary:	<p>Panel discussed the need of an IAP meeting in January 2019 to enable IAP recommendations to be completed for the RED Ministers meeting on 29th January. This will meet RED timeframes for the Waitangi announcements and get Hawkes Bay across the line.</p> <p>Panel advised IAP meeting in February to be held in Invercargill with the possibility of the March meeting being held in Wellington and being extended to include a full strategic day.</p>

The meeting closed at 3:30pm.

Mr John Rae
 Chairperson (Acting)

Date

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