

COVER SHEET

2.1 Ngāti Awa resource funding to complete four key regional project submissions PGF Application		For: Approve	
Tier:	1 - Regional	Sector:	Feasibility Study
Background & context:		Recommendation(s):	
<p>Applicant Organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngāti Awa Group Holdings Ltd <p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whakatane, Bay of Plenty <p>Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngati Awa is seeking funding for resources to complete the following projects <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study in to the creation of a permanent pier structure on Whakaari (White Island); Revitalisation of Whakatāne Army Hall; Feasibility study into the creation of a Kiwi Chick Creche in Whakatāne; and Feasibility study into the construction of a glass bottom boat to allow tourists to explore volcanic activity surrounding Whakaari (White Island). <p>Funding Sought:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total project value: \$^{Commercial Inform} PGF Funding: \$^{Commercial Inform} (^{Commere}%) <p>Background:</p> <p>a) Ngati Awa Group Holdings Ltd is responsible for the commercial assets of Ngati Awa Iwi, with investments in tourism, horticulture, property and equities.</p> <p>b) The applicant notes that it has been working with MBIE (Regions team: Stephanie O’Sullivan and David Caselli) in relation to the PGF application process and that there is widespread support for funding of the four</p>		<p>We recommend that the SRO:</p> <p>a) Note there is widespread support for the initiatives at a regional level and a recommendation has been made to invest in resources to develop feasibility studies in to support further funding requests for project implementation</p> <p>b) Note the applicant is seeking ^{Commercial}% of funding from the PGF for the feasibility study (guidance has been that the limit is ^{Comm}% (\$^{Commercial Inform})). However, there is likelihood that full funding of the application will result in the delivery of a better quality funding applications for the substantive, build projects.</p> <p>c) Approve \$^{Commercial Inform} from the PGF fund towards resources for the development of the funding applications for the substantive projects.</p>	

<p>initiatives, including from the local councils, iwi and local MPs.</p> <p>c) The funding would go towards ensuring that subsequent funding applications for the projects align with Treasury Business Outcomes, PGF objectives and explore appropriate funding mechanisms.</p>		
PGF criteria that this proposal supports:		
PGF Criteria	Assessment Commentary	Rating (1✓ to 5✓)
Link with fund and government outcomes		
Creates permanent jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not initially, but development of appropriate business cases for the four projects will assist in establishing whether the projects are viable and in turn, determining job creation opportunities. Commercial Information 	✓✓✓
Delivers benefit to the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is widespread support in the community for the projects and the wider potential benefits/opportunities that they could deliver. Investing in resources to prepare appropriate business cases is key first step in terms of securing further funding 	✓✓✓
Increased utilisation and returns of Maori asset base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngati Awa is the applicant and is seeking funding to obtain better commercial returns from its existing asset base 	✓✓✓
Enhanced sustainability of natural assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whakatane has the largest number of brown kiwi living in the wild. Building of a Kiwi chick crèche will further support sustainability via income from tourism 	✓✓✓
Mitigation of climate change effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The existing infrastructure is not up to standard and is regularly damaged due to adverse weather events. Investing in improved infrastructure is therefore seen as important for future proofing against the effects of climate change 	✓✓✓
Additionality		
Adding value by building on what is already there	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Island, the brown kiwi population and the Army Hall are all existing assets/features which the 4 identified projects seek to add to 	✓✓✓✓

Acts as a catalyst for productivity potential in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of feasibility studies/ business cases should determine the extent to which the projects will delivery increased productivity for the region 	✓✓✓						
Connected to regional stakeholders and frameworks								
Alignment with regional priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is widespread support for the development of feasibility studies to ensure/demonstrate maximum alignment with regional priorities 	✓✓✓						
Support from local governance groups (inc. Councils, Iwi/Hapu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is widespread support from local councils and regional economic development agencies 	✓✓✓✓						
Governance, risk management and project execution								
Robust project management and governance systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliance on Ngati Awa Holdings Limited structures and processes, with regular reporting Commercial Information (previously CEO of Commercial Information Commercial Information) has been identified as Strategic Project Manager 	✓✓✓						
Risk management approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliance on Ngati Awa Holdings Limited 	✓✓✓						
Future ownership / operational management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngati Awa Holdings Limited/ to be determined 	✓✓✓						
The purpose of this briefing is to consider recommending PGF funds to the Ngāti Awa resource funding application:								
Risks Issues:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of geotechnical resources to carry out assessment – carry out RFP (potential overseas suppliers) Commercial Information Cost overruns – manage via appropriate due diligence/ risk assessment processes 								
Eligibility points of note:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Due diligence</i>:- Full due diligence is to be completed. It is a condition of approval that due diligence is to be to the satisfaction of the Head of PDU Investment team. <i>Conflict(s) of interest</i>:- Based on the information provided no conflict of interest is evident noting that full due diligence will inform this item further. <i>Illegal Activity</i>:- Based on the application information provided and feedback from other agencies there is no indication that the applicant or project has been involved in, or associated with illegal activity. <i>Alignment with Regional development plans</i>:- <i>Commercial funding availability</i>:- Given the nature of the project which is to obtain funding to resource development of feasibility studies, access to commercial funding is not considered a feasible option. 								
Consultation undertaken or implications:								
Legal	N/A	HR	N/A	Finance	N/A	MBIE policy	N/A	Other

Supporting proposal:	Yes
Appendices:	Yes - Applications and supporting letters are as annexes
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