



AIDE MEMOIRE

Agency comments on PGF proposals for RED Ministers Meeting on 13 August

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The following departments/agencies have been consulted

Treasury, Ministry of Transport, New Zealand Transport Agency, Ministry of Primary Industries, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Te Puni Kōkiri

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined |
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Purpose

The purpose of this aide memoire is to inform you of agency comments regarding the PGF proposals for the RED Ministers meeting on Monday 13 August

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Discussion

- Seven proposals are being considered at the RED Ministers meeting on Monday, 13 August 2018. These projects, including whether they are being recommended for approval or decline by RED Ministers, are:
 - Gisborne Airport Redevelopment (Approve)
 - Mt Tiritangi – Puhī Kai Iti Connection (Approve)
 - National Algae Centre (Approve)
 - Commercial Information - Declined Application
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 - Land Information New Zealand – Regional Data Proposal (Approve)
- Comments were received on specific proposals by the following agencies:
 - Ministry of Transport (MOT)
 - New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)
 - Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI)
 - Department of Conservation (DOC)
 - New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE)
 - Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK)

3. Comments from these agencies are attached as Annex One.
4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and Treasury were also consulted on the proposals. MFAT was unable to provide an assessment in the time available, but are continuing to work with the Provincial Development Unit to develop a process for determining how MFAT can best feed into the PGF process on an on-going basis. Treasury are provided advice in a separate briefing.
5. Gisborne airport proposal
 - The MOT noted that while they prefer such decisions to be deferred until work they are having done about assessing airports is complete, they would not consider that it will be decisive or override other PGF considerations.

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Annexes

Annex One: Comments from agencies on PGF proposals for RED Ministers

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Department of Conservation

Proposal	Agency comment
<i>Mt Titirangi – Puhi Kai Iti Connection Project</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOC is a key contributor and stakeholder in this navigations project. This proposal is also an important component of the DOC-led Puhi Kai Iti/Cook Landing Site Provincial Growth Fund project.
<i>Predator Free 2050</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOC supports this project which they consider of international significance with major benefits not only for biodiversity and conservation but also for the wellbeing and success of New Zealand communities, particularly in the regions. DOC believes the company has the skills and competencies needed to deliver on the goals expressed in the EOI. So far, PF2050 has been able to leverage more than \$^{Commercial Info} of conservation work from the initial Government investment of \$^{Commercial In} Predators are themselves a significant drain on regional economies, with their impact on New Zealand's GDP estimated at \$^{Commercial Information} a year. Large-scale predator control projects offer job and skills development opportunities for communities and will enhance the utilisation of Maori land and Maori assets together with their cultural and natural values.
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Ministry of Transport

Proposal	Agency comment
<p><i>Gisborne Airport Terminal Redevelopment Project</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOT agrees that Gisborne's isolation makes the airport regionally important, and note that Eastland Group has experience in delivering such projects. Free and frank opinions [REDACTED] • They also suggest that the assessment against the PGF criteria of meeting climate change commitments and environmental sustainability should note that the proposal is intended to increase domestic air travel. • MOT also note that the summary of the Gisborne airport proposal says that the MoT wants all decisions on airports to be deferred until the work being done about assessing airports is complete. While they expect this work to help them give useful advice, and would prefer such decisions to be deferred until this work is complete, they would not consider that it will be decisive or override other PGF considerations.

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New Zealand Trade and Enterprise

Proposal	Agency comment
<i>National Algae Centre Project</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although NZTE has provided limited support to this application, our high level feasibility assessment currently suggests that this project may result in an investable proposition. NZTE Investment will continue to assist the project in investment readiness and investor connection for the industrial scale (post research centre) project.
<p>Commercial Information - Declined Application</p> <p style="color: red; opacity: 0.5; font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-30deg); position: absolute; top: 50%; left: 50%;">PROACTIVELY RELEASED</p>	

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New Zealand Transport agency

Proposal	Agency comment
<i>Mt Titirangi – Puhi Kai Iti Connection Project</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No approach has been made by Gisborne District Council or Department of Conservation for National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) funding.
<i>Predator Free 2050</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The transport components of the proposal, including a gate across State Highway 1 and park and ride facilities at Cape Reinga, are not included in the Regional Land Transport Plan therefore cannot currently be considered for NLTF funding.• NZTA needs to be closely involved in roadside planting and the placing of Pou as this may involve state highway land.• NZTA has a strong interest in the proposal where it interacts with across state highways. The applicants would need to talk to NTZA before any further work is done in this regard.

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Te Puni Kōkiri

Proposal	Agency comment
<i>Mt Titirangi – Puhi Kai Iti Connection Project</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iwi are well connected to this project and it has good support.
<i>National Algae Centre Project</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the nature of research, it will have strong implications for iwi. Commercial Information
<i>Predator Free 2050</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This initiative would make a positive contribution to Māori Development if the Māori Land Trustees, Māori Land Incorporations or Runanga are involved in the design, delivery and execution of the initiative. Te Puni Kōkiri would expect to see a Māori Trust/Incorporation or Runanga Engagement Framework submitted with the proposal. Te Puni Kōkiri suggests this project is an opportunity for Māori land owners to become engaged and provide leadership for the delivery of 'pest eradication' programmes. This approach would provide confidence amongst Māori Land Owners with DoC. Te Puni Kōkiri suggests Predator Free 2050 Alliance engage with Māori representatives on DoC Scenic Reserve Boards to inform this project.
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