

## Minutes – Regional Economic Development delegated Ministers meeting, 25 March 2019, 6.15-6.45pm

	Item	Decision	Comment and action
1	Westport Airport Budget bid	<b>Approved</b>	<p>Ministers noted the implications that not funding this Budget bid would have on airport connectivity to the West Coast and agreed to consider the bid through the PGF. <b>Free and frank opinions</b></p> <p>Ministers agreed to the recommendations in the paper noting that a strategy for PGF investment in airports is to be discussed at the next RED Ministers meeting.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- officials to present RED Ministers with a paper for them to consider the Westport Airport proposal as an out of cycle bid</li> <li>- Airport strategy to be discussed at next RED Ministers meeting</li> </ul>
2	Waiapu package – funding options	<b>Agree in principle</b>	<p>Ministers wish to see the Waiapu project proceed, noting the strong ties with other areas of Government policy such as Treaty settlements and 1BT. Ministers agreed in principle to funding the projects, subject to officials providing advice on government funding sources, particularly 1BT, related to the portion currently proposed for co-funding and the PGF component of the proposal.</p> <p>Action – officials report back to Ministers on how this initiative could be funded One Billion Trees</p>
3	<p><b>Te Ara Mahi</b></p> <p>Te Koru Drug &amp; Alcohol, Education &amp; Employment Initiative</p>	<b>Approved</b>	<p>Ministers supported the application.</p> <p>Minister Jones asked officials to a progress update on the establishment of employment training hubs at the next RED Ministers meeting.</p> <p>Action - officials to provide a progress update to the next RED Ministers meeting on the employment hubs.</p>
4	<b>PGF proposals for review</b>		
	Hawkes’s Bay Community Fitness Centre Trust – At-Risk Youth Programme and Hostel	<b>Deferred</b>	<p>Ministers noted the recommendation from officials.</p> <p>Ministers will further explore the funding of this project.</p>
	Wood Cluster – Centre of Excellence	<b>Approved in principle</b>	Ministers approved the package recommendation in principle but noted that matters around arrangements for the individual components of the package will need to be carefully managed. PDU

			confirmed that the funding partner for all aspects of the package will be <b>Commercial Information</b> <small>Commercial Inf</small> The PDU will work with <small>Commercial</small> to ensure delivery of the individual components.
	Maruawai Project – Hokonui Moonshine Museum and Distillery	<b>Approved</b>	Ministers supported the recommendation.
5	PGF Energy position paper	<b>Approved</b>	Ministers supported the position paper. Ministers were positive about seeing guiding principles on how the PGF should deal with Energy-related projects.
6	Options for the Hawke’s Bay package	<b>Delegated to Jones and Twyford</b>	RED Ministers delegated decisions on the transport elements of the Hawke’s Bay package.

PROACTIVELY RELEASED