

**Minutes – Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting, 27 May 2019, 9.30-10.00am**

	Item	Decision	Comment and action
1	Further information for Oparara PGF Funding Reallocation Briefing	<b>Agreed</b>	Ministers were satisfied at the rationale for reallocating the mix of funding for this project.
2	Te Ara Mahi – He Poutama Taitamariki	<b>Agreed</b>	N/A
3	<b>PGF proposals for review</b>		
3.1	Hawke's Bay water projects	<b>Agreed</b>	<p>Ministers noted that these projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will support higher-value land use and horticulture production, and the depletion of water</li> <li>• were different from the Ruataniwha Water Storage Scheme that was proposed in 2017</li> <li>• <b>Commercial Information:</b> [REDACTED]. The water storage solution would be determined through pre-feasibility work, and the Provincial Development Unit would consult with the Department of Conservation through that phase. The Department of Conservation's comments were noted, and</li> <li>• The Tukituki project is proposed to be a managed aquifer recharge.</li> </ul> <p>Ministers directed officials to ensure that the overall purpose for which the funds were agreed are not changed through refinements.</p> <p>The Chair of the Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) noted a conflict and did not participate in providing the IAP's advice on these projects.</p>
Prejudice to Negotiations			
Commercial Information - withdrawn proposal			

Commercial Information - withdrawn proposal

Commercial Information - declined project

5	Kaipara Wharves funding transfer update	<b>Noted</b>	Commercial Information returning funds to Commercial Information
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