



MINUTES SRO MEETING – 25 January 2018

Time/Date	25 January 2018 3.30 to 5.00 pm	Location	MBIE; G:06
Attendees (Deputy Secretaries)	Paul Stocks , DCE, Labour, Science and Enterprise (MBIE) – <i>SRO Bay of Plenty</i> ; Al Morrison , DC, (SSC) – <i>SRO Taranaki</i> Bruce Parkes , DDG, Science and Policy (DOC) – <i>SRO West Coast</i> Helen Wyn , DCE, Policy, Regulatory and Ethnic Affairs (DIA) – <i>SRO Canterbury</i>		
(Officials)	Iain Cossar , General Manager, Tourism Sectors Regions and Cities (MBIE) John Doorbar , Manager Regions and Cities (MBIE) Stephanie Weller , Programme Manager, Secretariat (MBIE) Luke Southorn , Director Sector Partnerships and Programmes (MPI)		
Guests	Mark Patterson for Item 3 Wayne Bettejeman for Item 5		
Chair	Paul Stocks	Secretariat	Stephanie Weller
Apologies	Ruth Bound , DCE Service Delivery (MSD) – <i>SRO, Gisborne</i> Di Grennell , DCE, Regional Partnerships (TPK) – <i>SRO Manawatu-Whanganui</i> Ben Dalton , DDG, Sector, Partnerships and Programmes (MPI) – <i>SRO Northland</i> Carl Crafar , COO, (MOJ) – <i>SRO Hawke's Bay</i> Penny Nelson , DS, Sector Strategy (MfE) – <i>SRO, Southland</i>		

1) Minutes from previous meeting

- Accepted

2) Conflicts of Interest – (Perceived or Actual)

- None for this meeting.

3) Regional Economic Development – Where things are

- Paul gave an update on how RED will run in the future, the establishment of a head of RED; there reporting line to the CE of MBIE; role is being advertised for two weeks; the current team will be lifted and shifted to the new group
- Everything keeps running whilst we establish the new group
- Operating model going forward will be the SRO model and the regional point of entrance for RED.
- Consideration needs to be given, collective of SROs and the level we operate, the regional presence of other agencies and lessons learnt to date.
- Head to have space and time to do this work and a seamless transition to this, and how we resource and support.
- **Redacted - Free and frank opinion**
- real consideration given to which level they are appointed to and left - SRO role.
- PGF number of applications ramp up and the model, what do we have joint lead SRO MPI and MBIE and the relevant SRO, or the head of RED, and the relevant SRO. Issues with scale and volume with \$1million delegations.
- Require paper and options to resolve and delegation to be sorted.

4) Regional Economic Development Updates –

- PGF cab paper pre Xmas, high level paper, talks of three tiers, and broad level objectives of the fund, with a report back in February 2018.
- We are now seeking appropriations from Treasury. Split between capital and operating, monitoring and evaluation more guidelines and detail.
- A paper is being sent to APH on panel appointments in February 2018.

- PGF will be launch in 23 February 2018 in Gisborne.

5) Taranaki Regional Action Plan Funding Decisions

Mark Paterson, MBIE Regions and Cities provided a summary of Taranaki action plan for approval

- Approval was given to:
 - Taranaki Food Network – Business Case development (\$50k)
Recommendation (as per memo): Approve \$50,000 from SRO funding
Decision: Approved
 - H2 Taranaki – Roadmap Development (\$50k)
Recommendation (as per memo): Approve \$50,000 from SRO funding
Decision: Approved
 - Redacted -Commercially confident
 - Taranaki Innovation Precincts (\$100k)
Recommendation (as per memo): Approve \$100,000 from RGI MYA funding
Decision: Approved

The two Regional Growth Initiative MYA proposals were discussed -

- Al provided summary of the Action Plan and proposed government response relating to the Taranaki Crossing and the Upgrade of the Church.
- The government response proposed to go to ministers is a lot of feasibility and phasing and funding only released on further business case. Seeking approval in principal whilst officials work on the final details of business case, milestones and funding.
- The first part of discussion was on the Taranaki Crossing proposal -
 - Taranaki crossing, tourism opportunity for one day walk proposition, Pouakai crossing being developed. Phase further investment once we know where this crossing goes before further development.

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- during January, DOC and Taranaki working closely together occurring in last week, really engaged and DOC Head Office official went to region last week.
- Seeking ministerial support for the big concept, noting that there is more work to develop the key stages, the one day walk upgrade paid by DOC, and the iwi treaty settlements components need to be covered off. Along with the upgrade of visitor centre.

Endorsed (up to \$13.341 million) - subject to working further on development of the key stages as noted in above.

- The second large component was the Church –
 - First stone church in NZ Redacted - Free and frank opinion
 - There is an opportunity to develop as learning and a cultural centre.

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- Bay of island, Taranaki, link to parahaki and the wars. Redacted - Free and frank opinion, Redacted - Free and frank opinion, Redacted - Confidentiality of advice
restoring a key historical first church of New Zealand which is a key tourism opportunity for the region.

Endorsed (up to \$5 million) - subject to further work on the business case around the upgrade of the church and overall tourism benefits being clearer.

6) Consideration of Regional Growth Initiatives MYA funding proposals –

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- Whangarei Port approved stage 2c – Geotechnical feasibility work (\$90k) approved.
 - Hawke’s bay – Whakaki Manuaka tree planting (\$100k) approved.

7) Any other business

- Messaging for SRO’s to the regions is MBIE is well positioned and supported to support the regions.

ACTIONS: Circulate round for the SRO decision out of round (Steph)

Meeting closed 12.10pm

Document properly released