

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Proposals received by PDU (as at 23 February 2020)

New proposals received in week ending 23 February 2020	10
Total proposals received to 23 February 2020	1,553

* Includes applications and expressions of interest

1.2 Progress of proposals received by PDU (as at 23 February 2020)

Stage	Count*
Awaiting assessment	103
Being assessed	189
Unsuccessful	796
Approved	465
Total received	1,553

* These figures include all proposals that have come through the Provincial Development Unit's application and decision-making process.

Please note that the reported total figure and the figure for approved applications both appear to have dropped since the last report. This anomaly is due to enumeration improvements resulting from more accurate categorisation of applications that result in multiple contracts. The updated enumeration convention is to count an application that results in multiple contracts as one application at the received stage and at the approved stage. Formerly, such applications were enumerated as multiple applications and approvals. Some single applications resulting in multiple projects – or vice versa – also means that application numbers may differ from project numbers.

1.3 Headline PGF Numbers as at 31 January 2020 (monthly)

Total PGF funding committed	Total funding contracted	Total funding paid to date
\$2,873.4m*	\$1,196.5m	\$449.8m

1.4 Job numbers as at 31 January 2020 (monthly)

Number of people employed in PGF-supported projects	2,401
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* Based on information provided by funding recipients on contracted projects.

2. Upcoming announcements

Announcements planned for the next week			
Date	Location	Announcement	Additional Information
28 February	Auckland	Infrastructure announcements	Cross Government announcement
6 March	Taranaki	Hiringa/Balance	Deputy PM
6 March	Northland	Tomarata Bridge, opening, Mangawhai Kai for Kaipara Hub and Kingfish Initiative announcement Ruawai (30kms south of Dargaville) Field days, Dargaville	
Commercial Information			

3. Communications activities

Date	Region	Activity	Additional information
Commercial Information			

4. Priority updates

Project name	Description/ update
Northland Drought	<p>Te Rarawa and Ngai Takato iwi have offered to supply water to drought-stricken towns, including Kaitaia and Kaikohe. The water will be sourced from an aquifer which runs through Sweetwater, an iwi-owned farm. This will require the installation of a four-kilometre long pipe, which will transport up to 2,700 cubic metres of water a day. The pipeline is expected to be completed within the next two weeks.</p> <p>The Hokianga Reference Group met on 20 February 2020. The Group discussed the water situation in the region and mitigation steps the Far North District Council is taking. The Group has formally noted the \$2.0m allocated to alleviate water stress in Kaitaia and Kaikohe.</p>

5. Delivery of projects update

5.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Description/ update
Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui Redevelopment	<p>The Sarjeant Gallery project is progressing well and ^{Comme} jobs have been created so far through the pre-construction phase of the project. The construction contractor has been appointed for the project and groundworks are due to begin by the ^{Commercial Information}.</p> <p>Amount: \$12.000m Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Contracted</p>
Gisborne Airport Terminal Redevelopment	<p>The second stage of the project is the completion of the construction from gridline G-H which comprises the departures gate, check-in area, offices and back-of-house airline facilities. Completion of stage two is scheduled to be the end of ^{Commercial Information}.</p> <p>Amount: \$5.500m Region: Tairāwhiti Status: Contracted</p>
Omeo Technology	<p>PDU Officials visited Omeo's factory on 18 February 2020 and saw the start of the assembly line fit-out, due to be in operation by ^{Commercial Information}.</p> <p>Amount: \$2.500m Region: Kāpiti Status: Contracted</p>

Commercial Information - Withdrawn Application

5.2 Other projects

Project name	Description/ update
NZ Macadamia Industry Development Project	<p>The recipient has begun working with an accountant and the Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT) on the NZQA Level 4 and 5 orchard management course that it will deliver. The recipient is aiming to have the courses started by <small>Commercial Information</small>. The first EIT Level 2 and 3 course will then graduate in <small>Commercial Information</small> which could be an opportunity for a media event. The recipient has nearly completed the refinancing necessary to draw down the \$ <small>Commercial Information</small> to purchase equipment and complete the project.</p> <p>Amount: \$995,000 Region: Tairāwhiti Status: Contracted</p>
Kaipara District Council - Kaipara Kickstart (Growing the Kai in Kaipara)	<p>The Kaipara Kai Hub, which will assist locals to transform their land to grow higher value crops, was announced on 3 February 2020. The Kaipara District Council, in conjunction with Northland Inc., has invited you to formally open the Hub on the morning of Friday 6 March 2020. The Council also hopes that you will re-open the Tomorata/Insley Street bridge at Mangawhai that same day. <small>Commercial Information</small></p> <p>Amount: \$980,000 Region: Northland Status: Contracted</p>
An affordable and efficient dredging option for Port of Greymouth	<p><small>Commercial Information</small></p> <p>Amount: \$800,000 Region: West Coast Status: Contracted</p>
Regional Digital Hub, Woodville, Tararua District	<p><small>Commercial Information</small></p> <p>The Council intends to use the time to promote the Hub's services and test the concept.</p> <p>Amount: \$400,000 Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Drafting contract</p>
Eastern Bay of Plenty - Regional Development Project Implementation	<p>The <small>Commercial Information</small> appointed for the project has supported the development of PGF applications for four key clusters ahead of schedule and under budget. The recipient and the PDU have agreed to use the remaining funding available under the agreement to provide expanded support for an additional three months.</p> <p>Amount: \$237,500 Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contracted</p>

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<p>Awawhiti Cress — Acceleration of Business expansion</p>	<p>This project is progressing well and on time, and is now almost complete. Once complete, the business will have extended the tunnel houses, upgraded the seed growing area and converted an old stable to a seed house. This work has already allowed this small domestic business to accelerate their expansion plans and an increase in demand is evident. Due to this, they have already been able to employ more full-time staff.</p>
<p>Amount: \$90,000 Region: Manawatu-Whanganui Status: Contracted</p>	

5.3 Te Ara Mahi (TAM)/He Poutama Rangatahi (HPR) update

Ngā Pūmanawa Tūpuna (HPR)

A hui on rangatahi health services was held on 26 February. It involved all TAM and HPR providers in the region and representatives of the Hawke's Bay District Health Board (DHB).

The Hawke's Bay DHB is currently re-designing their services to rangatahi and the meeting provided an opportunity to discuss health and wellbeing-related challenges, particularly those related to drug use, faced by rangatahi on the pathway to employment, as well as ways these can be overcome.

The meeting also enabled better connections and collaboration between all providers and the DHB.

Contact: Stephen Ruddell, Principal Advisor, Te Ara Mahi, Privacy of natural persons

5.4 Major upcoming project deliverables – due this month

Contract Title	Region	Condition
Camera Obscura	Northland	Construction due to commence.
Twin Coast Discovery Route	Northland	Business cases to be finalised and published on NZTA's website.
He Poutama Tai Tamariki	Northland	Te Tuhononga Papori programme to commence.
Kaitaia Regional Digital Hub	Northland	Opening event expected to take place.
Kai for Kaipara Water Phase 1B	Northland	Feasibility study to be completed.
Whakatohea Mussel Farm	Bay of Plenty	Blessing of factory site to take place.
Manawatu-Whanganui Rural Innovation Lab Pilot (RIL)	Manawatu-Whanganui	Final report due to be submitted to the Ministry.
Westport Airport Critical Infrastructure	West Coast	Construction progresses on reinforcement work to Westport Airport Seawall.

Porters Ski Field	Canterbury	Construction to start on mountain bike track now consent has been granted.
Invercargill Inner City Redevelopment	Southland	Demolition work due to commence.

6. Policy Updates

6.1 Policy

Commercial Information			
Commercial Information			
Contact:	Isabel Poulson, Manager Strategy and Policy,	Privacy of natural persons	

Appendix 1 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date sent
Commercial Information				

Appendix 2 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date	
TBC	Event Briefing: Porters Ski Field	USEC	Staci Hare	Commercial Information	
TBC	Event Briefing: Rocket Lab	USEC Nash	Kate Styles		
Commercial Information					
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TBC	Event Briefing: QE Health and Wai Ariki Hot Pools and Spa	USEC	Nicki Sutherland	Commercial Information	
TBC	Briefing: Wood Processing Workstream	Jones	David van der Zouwe		
Commercial Information					
TBC	Briefing: PGF-Supported Roding Projects	Jones	Ben Dalton		
TBC	Event Briefing: Hiringa Energy	Peters	David van der Zouwe		

Appendix 3 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIA					
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Status	Request
OIA409	Privacy of natural persons	3 Feb	6 Mar	Drafting	Briefings & Papers re PQ 43170 (2019), PQ 43171 (2019) & PQ 43309 (2019)
OIA412		10 Feb	10 Mar	Drafting	All correspondence etc. re: \$69.7mil PGF Northland Rail Swanson-Whangārei, Kauri etc.
OIA413		10 Feb	10 Mar	Drafting	All advice etc. re PGF announcement of \$109m for Northland rail kauri/otiria
OIA418		21 Feb	3 Mar 20	Scoping	What percentage of available agribusiness funding has made its way to regional Māori land projects? (not inclusive of whenua Māori funding) How many Māori agribusiness applications have been received? How many have been funded and if not, why not?

Departmental OIA

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0428	Privacy of natural persons	9 Sep	15 Oct	22 Oct	Minister's Office	All correspondence and material between Eastland Community Trust, Provincial Growth Unit and the Minister relating to the Wood Cluster Centre of Excellence between 1 January 2019 and 1 September 2019.
1920-0227		13 Aug	1 Nov	8 Oct	Gathering Information	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts - questions
1920-0707		31 Oct	21 Nov	17 Jan	Decision Sent	Information relating to PGF investment in Dunedin creative digital industry.
1920-0745		7 Nov	28 Nov	5 Dec	Sign-out	Documents relating to the Waioura Trust application for grants relating to Kapiti Island or any other application to the PGF relating to Kapiti Island.
1920-0901		16 Dec	11 Mar	18 Mar	Review	Documents relating to the following grant of PGF funding
1920-1030		24 Dec	13 Feb	13-Feb	Minister's Office	All docs sent to the Minister in relation to that estimates 10'000 jobs
1920-1091		17 Jan	10 Feb	17-Feb	Scoping	Documents relating to reinstatement of the former Southerner train service
1920-1203		4 Feb	26 Feb	4 Mar	Sign-out	Copy of the Wairarapa Water Ltd funding application
1920-1154		17 Dec	27 Feb	5 Mar	Scoping	Copies of PDU protocols, processes, NDAs and other documents
1920-1220		11 Feb	03 Mar	10 Mar	Review	All information relating to a possible dry dock in Whangarei

Departmental OIA

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-1221	Privacy of natural persons	11 Feb	03 Mar	10 Mar	Review	All information relating to a new dry dock in NZ since 1 January 2018
1920-1234		12 Feb	04 Mar	11 Mar	Scoping	Up to date spreadsheet of the PDUs projects
1920-1231		12 Feb	04 Mar	11 Mar	Minister's Office	Money allocated to projects under the Whenua Maori allocation
1920-1232		12 Feb	04 Mar	11 Mar	Review	PGF money used so far for the Te Ara Mahi project
1920-1240		12 Feb	04 Mar	11 Mar	Scoping	Why all announced projects stated data spreadsheet was removed from the website
1920-1279		20 Feb	12 Mar	19 Mar	Review	Info for transparency around water security in our local community and PGF

Appendix 4 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ3845	Privacy of natural persons	20 Feb	27 Feb	Wakamoekau Community Water Storage Scheme
SJ3811		17 Feb	16 Mar	Commercial Information
SJ3842		21 Feb	20 Mar	Commercial Information

Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Office	Question

PROACTIVELY RELEASED

Appendix 6 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Name / Document Type	Quantity	Due for release	Status
Cabinet Papers	1	Commercial Information	On Hold
Regional Economic Development Weekly Reports	16		Preparing
Applications	205		Various
Funding Agreements	219		Various
Regional Economic Development Ministers Meeting Papers	35		Minister's Office
Position Papers	0		N/A
Senior Regional Officials Meeting Papers	16		Sign-out
Independent Advisory Panel Meeting Papers	17		Sign-out
Business Cases / Feasibility Studies	2		Preparing

Released this week	
Name / Document Type	Quantity Released
Applications	1
Funding Agreements	1
Regional Economic Development Ministers Meeting Papers	134
Senior Regional Officials Meeting Papers	15
Independent Advisory Panel Meeting Papers	2
Business Cases / Feasibility Studies	2