

# TOURISM RECOVERY MINISTERS GROUP

Thursday, 30 July 2020, 5.15pm-6pm  
Weekly Meeting, 7.2 Executive Wing

## MINUTES

<b>Attendees</b>	Hon Kelvin Davis (Minister of Tourism) <b>Chair</b> Hon Grant Robertson (Minister of Finance) Hon Eugenie Sage (Minister of Conservation)
<b>Apologies</b>	Hon Nanaia Mahuta (Minister of Maori Development) Fletcher Tabuteau (Under Secretary Regional Economic Development)
<b>MBIE/TNZ/NZMT/DPMC Officials</b>	Iain Cossar (MBIE), Martin Cavanagh (MBIE), Saskia Vervoorn (MBIE), Danielle McKenzie (MBIE), Stephen England-Hall (TNZ), Billie Moore (TNZ GM), Bryan Dunne (DPMC), Robert Pigou (MBIE-PDU), Jean Le Roux (Treasury), Alice Ansley (Treasury)

### Record of Decisions

#### 1. \$400m Tourism Recovery Package allocation

Ministers noted that the \$400m package is fully allocated but that the full allocation is unlikely to be committed. This is because the option of the loan may not be accessed by all applicable STAPP applicants.

Ministers asked officials to keep them informed of commitments against the \$400m package, particularly in regard to the loan uptake.

Ministers requested the Treasury officials report back quickly on the terms and conditions of the loan scheme - ahead of next week's TRM meeting.

#### 2. Strategic Tourism Assets Protection Programme

Ministers agreed that their intention is that all successful applicants to the STAPP have grant funding of maximum of \$500,000 in total available over two years and that the remainder would be available via a loan. Minister Davis had clarified this direction to officials ahead of the TRM meeting and asked that the 44 relevant applicants be informed of the decision ahead of Saturday's announcement.

Ministers confirmed their earlier decision that grant payments would occur in tranches, and that payments would be contingent on the recipient continuing to meet the conditions stipulated in the Crown offer.

Ministers agreed they were comfortable with the proposed process to assess Inbound Tour Operators where Tourism New Zealand, based on their knowledge of offshore markets and high value segments, will recommend which ITOs should be given the option of receiving loans.

#### 3. Discussion on next steps with four funding proposals

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**4. Any other business**

Ministers agreed to meet again next week and then agree future meetings.

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