

Minutes – Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting, 28 January 2020, 8.30-9.30

Item	Decision	Actions
1	<p>Infrastructure Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of Tagged Contingency • Proposals for consideration for 28 February 2020 Announcement 	<p>AGREED</p> <p>Ministers Jones and Robertson agreed to establish the Regional Investment Opportunities Tagged Contingency and that the Provincial Growth Fund Limited (PGFL) Constitution may be amended so that investments from the contingency can be held by PGFL.</p> <p>APPROVED</p> <p>RED Ministers approved that the PGF’s investment in the Ōpōtiki Harbour Development be funded through the tagged contingency because the project has greater alignment with that contingency than the PGF. Ministers Jones and Robertson approved the drawdown of funding for the Ōpōtiki Harbour Development from the Regional Investment Opportunities Tagged Contingency.</p> <p>Ministers Jones and Robertson approved funding for regional roads from the Regional Investment Opportunities Tagged Contingency, in line with PDU and NZTA’s recommendations. In addition, Ministers agreed to fund the full \$15 million of the Tahaenui bridge proposal, rather than the \$1.2 million recommended by PDU and NZTA.</p>
2	Kawerau Putauaki Proposals	
	a) Putauaki Industries Land Development	<p>APPROVED</p> <p>RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the PDU’s advice.</p>
	b) Kawerau Container Terminal	<p>APPROVED</p> <p>RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the PDU’s advice.</p>
	c) Off Highway Road	<p>APPROVED</p> <p>RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the PDU’s advice.</p>
3	Ōpōtiki Marina Industrial Park	<p>APPROVED</p> <p>RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the PDU’s advice. Ministers noted that this project complimented the Ōpōtiki Harbour Development project.</p>
4	Rewa’s Village	<p>APPROVED</p> <p>RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project.</p>
5	Sites of National Significance	

	a) Parihaka Visitor Facilities	APPROVED	RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the PDU's advice.
	b) Te Ika O Te Kōpua (Ruapekapeka)	APPROVED	RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the PDU's advice.
6	Te Ara Mahi proposals for review		
	a) West Coast Regional Employment Scheme	APPROVED	RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the PDU's advice, and noted the importance of the PDU's proposed condition that funding was subject to PDU receiving a letter from Development West Coast Trustee Board committing to continue the funding at completion of the programme.
	b) Manawa Tu – Work for Life Centre	APPROVED	RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the PDU's advice.
7	PGF proposals for review		
	a) Kii Tahi Foundation Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility	APPROVED	RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the PDU's advice.
	Commercial Information - Deferred Project		
	c) Nga Whenua Kaikohe	APPROVED	RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the PDU's advice.
	d) Whangamoe Inlet	APPROVED	RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the PDU's advice.
	Commercial Information - Withdrawn Application		
	f) Pūkaha Environment and Ecology Programme	APPROVED	RED Ministers approved PGF funding for this project in line with the IAP's advice.

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8	Food HQ	AGREED	RED Ministers agreed with the PDU's recommended approach. Ministers noted that there is a need to discuss how the Government could assist the project, which is being led by MBIE.
9	Commercial Information - Withdrawn Application		
10	Northland Water Storage and Use – Project 2	AGREED	<p>In December 2019, RED Ministers agreed to fund this project in principle subject to Ministers being satisfied that the project will advance Treaty water allocations for the Government.</p> <p>RED Ministers changed this requirement to “subject to Ministers being satisfied that the project advance the Government’s water storage investment principle in relation to Māori land development and environmental objectives as well as economic development.” This will be monitored by the Crown’s appointees to the steering group and MBIE officials involved in the project as it progresses.</p>
11	Update on funding arrangements and loan notifications for PGF projects	APPROVED	RED Ministers agreed to the loan terms in line with the PDU's recommended actions.