

# Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

6 May – 10 May 2019

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Development



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# 1. Dashboard updates

## 1.1 Status of applications as at 8 May

<b>New projects this week</b>	9
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
1,006	373	633

Total funding approved to date	Total funding announced
<b>Commercial Information</b>	194 projects for \$782.3m

\* Note this does not include major sector allocations such as, Whenua Maori, 1BT, Transport.

## 1.2 Progress of applications and EOI as at 8 May

Stage	Count
EOI / Application received	151
Evaluation	130
Inactive	188
Unsuccessful	287
Approved (pre-contract)	13
Contracting	80
Executed	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,006</b>

\* Please note that the graphic has changed to reflect the number of inactive projects (projects either on hold or withdrawn) that were previously captured in the evaluation stage. Note unsupported EOI are now categorised as unsuccessful, resulting in increased numbers. Approved projects also include out of process projects managed by other PGF agencies.

## 2. Regional Updates

### 2.1 Bay of Plenty

#### PipeDrive update

As of 8 May 2019, 105 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 18 are awaiting assessment
- 8 are being assessed
- 9 await further information
- 8 are on hold
- 24 have been approved
- 38 have been unsuccessful - declined, withdrawn or are unsupported.

#### Regional Activity

On 18 April 2019, Provincial Development Unit (PDU) officials met with the Kawerau District Council and local business people to discuss Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) applications. Toi Economic Development Agency (EDA) submitted a successful PGF application for a commercial driver and operator training centre for Kawerau. This was approved at the Senior Regional Officials meeting last week. Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau (ISK) continues to prepare an application for a container terminal and is working to support Pūtauaki in their application. PDU officials also met with Pūtauaki Trust, visiting the newly built dairy factory.

The Rotorua Lakefront and Whakarewarewa Forest investments are progressing well and regular contract monitoring is now in place to ensure that milestones are achieved.

On 3 May 2019, Team Bay of Plenty cross-agency team met in Whakatāne at the District Council offices. A full update on the Whakatāne Regeneration Project was provided to the team. The Mayor attended part of the meeting to articulate his goals in the lead up to the elections where he will be stepping down after 18 years of service.

Whakatāne District Council's aspiration for regenerating the town centre is progressing, looking at waterfront developments and engaging with the private sector. A change in key personnel at Ngāti Awa (Geoff Hamilton, CEO, has resigned) is expected to delay applications for tourism and marine-based projects.

Whakatōhea Mussels Ltd and Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board are being regularly monitored by the PDU and are progressing on schedule. The revised business case for Whakatōhea Mussels is expected by the end of May. This will include a request to accelerate their Commercial Information, in order to provide processing volumes for the Commercial Information.

The Ōpōtiki Harbour Project has completed most of their work on rock sourcing, design specification and due diligence. Further information on this project is likely to be available by the end of May.

**Risk**

Commercial Information

**Upcoming Announcements**

Under-Secretary Tabuteau is visiting Taupō and Tūrangi on 15 May.

Ministers Jones and Jackson are planning to visit Kawerau on 17 May. There are announcements planned for Te Ara Mahi (TAM), He Poutama Rangatani (HPR) announcements and the opening of Waiū Dairy. These are:

- Kawerau Pathways to Work, ISK - \$311,000 HPR
- Kawerau Health, Education and Social Services, ISK - \$658,000 (\$344,000 HPR and \$314,000 TAM)
- Commercial Driver and Operator Training Centre, Toi EDA - \$598,600 (\$308,600 HPR, \$290,000 TAM)

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## 2.2 Otago

### PipeDrive update

As of 8 May 2019, 49 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 8 are awaiting assessment
- 4 are being assessed
- 4 await further information
- 3 are on hold
- 10 have been approved
- 20 have been unsuccessful - declined, withdrawn or are unsupported.

### Regional Activity

The 'Big Daddy Adventure Park – Stage One Economic Impact Assessment' contract has been executed and will be part of the planned 24 May announcement consisting of six projects across the Otago region.

The Otago Regional Economic Development Group has finalised its economic strategy for the region, which is now awaiting approval from the Otago Chief Executives' Forum to proceed to execution.

Commercial Information

PDU officials met with United Machinists, a key manufacturing business specialising in components for some of New Zealand's high-tech exporters. This proposed application is linked to the Engineering Hub work already underway in the region.

Commercial Information

### Upcoming Announcements

The announcement on 24 May in Otago will include:

- Clutha Gold Cycle Trail - \$6.5M
- Tuapeka Gold Print Development - \$2.2M
- Rosebank Industrial Estate Sliplane - \$250K
- Scoping of Construction Projects - \$200K
- Escea Fireplaces into Wood Fire Manufacture - \$98K
- Big Daddy Adventure Park – Stage One Economic Impact assessment - \$20K

The Otago announcement comprises tourism, infrastructure and development phase investigation.

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## 2.3 Hawke's Bay

### PipeDrive update

As of 8 May 2019, 109 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 17 are awaiting assessment
- 21 are being assessed
- 1 awaits further information
- 20 are on hold
- 21 have been approved
- 29 have been unsuccessful - declined, withdrawn or are unsupported

### Regional Activity

The Hawke's Bay package announcement date has been rescheduled to 10 June 2019 and planning is underway. A number of applications have progressed through the relevant approval channels. These include a transport package and water infrastructure. Three additional applications will be considered this month and will be part of the announcement if approved. Ngāti Pāhauwera (\$5.5m), Hawke's Bay Food Innovation Hub (\$12m) and Heinz Watties (\$800k).

PDU officials are progressing execution of contracts with The Limery, Quality Roding and Services (QRS), Hastings District Council Eastside Master Plan and the Matariki Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development Strategy (HBREDS) with Business Hawke's Bay.

#### Commercial Information

Discussions are underway with Central Hawke's Bay District Council (CHBDC) regarding the establishment of a Regional Digital Hub based in their Waipukurau library site. CHBDC will submit an application to the PGF outlining their intentions.

The Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) will be in Hawke's Bay on 15 May. PDU officials have arranged for presentations by six different PGF applicants. Following this, they will be given a tour of the Heinz Watties factory.

PDU officials met with the programme leadership team of Te Kāhui Ōhanga o Takitimu (TKO), who are the Hawke's Bay Māori Economic Development agency on 10 April. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the PGF, seek opportunities to strengthen engagement with Māori groups, and for PDU officials to learn more about their focus. This was followed by a further meeting with the Senior Regional Official for the region.

Discussions have commenced regarding the establishment of a Hawke's Bay Employment Hub. A meeting is scheduled with Hastings District Council CEO, Nigel Bickle, and cross-agency regional officials on 17 May to progress this initiative.

### Upcoming Announcements

A package announcement is scheduled for 10 June.

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### 3. Other updates

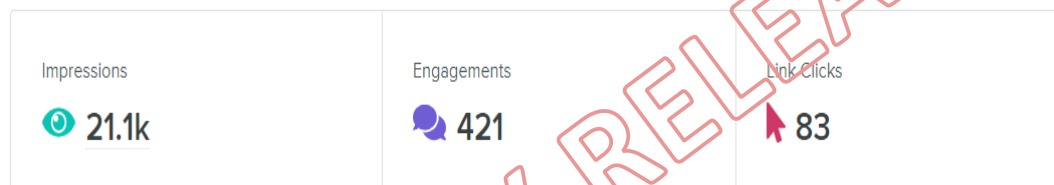
#### 3.1 Social Media

##### Snapshot: 29 April – 5 May

###### (Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn)

- Total followers increased by 14%
- Women between the ages of 25-34 are the main demographic among our Facebook followers and more likely to see our content
- Our most popular piece of content was about PGF funding for Predator Free Rakiura (Stewart Island) - <http://bit.ly/2Veji5t>

###### Group Activity Overview



###### Group Impressions

IMPRESSIONS PER DAY



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## Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event	Support
<b>Monday, 13 May 2019</b>	
IAP meeting (by phone)	
<b>Tuesday, 14 May 2019</b>	
USEC Regional visits in Taupo	Event briefing
<b>Wednesday, 15 May 2019</b>	
Minister Jones' Keynote speech at Developing NZ Conference	
Minister Jackson to visit Kawerau	Event briefing
USEC Regional visits in Tūrangi	Event briefing
<b>Thursday, 16 May 2019</b>	
USEC attending TRENZ event	Event briefing
<b>Friday, 17 May 2019</b>	
Minister Jones visit to Kawerau/ Te Kaha	Event briefing

### May

- 21 Minister Jones meeting with PEPANZ
- 22 IAP meeting
- 27 RED Ministers meeting
- 29 Ministers Parker and Jones meeting with Sir Stephen Tindall, Lanzatech

## Appendix 2 – Media & Communications Schedule

Media & Communications Schedule		
Date of Event/ Announcement	Activity	MBIE Contact
13 May	PDU will hold a media briefing about the PGF	Jarred Griffiths
15 May	Regional Economic Development Minister, Shane Jones and Land Information Minister Eugenie Sage will announce PGF investments in Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR)	Gita Parsot
17 May	Employment Minister Willie Jackson will announce three PGF / HPR projects in Kawerau relating to skills, employment and training	Gita Parsot
17 May	Regional Economic Development Minister Jones to announce a PGF investment in Te Kaha, Eastern Bay of Plenty relating to horticulture expansions and a skills and training package	Gita Parsot
24 May	Regional Economic Development Minister Shane Jones to announce PGF projects in Otago including tourism, construction and sector-related projects	Jonathan Gee
May TBC	Painia Wharf – start of construction – photo opportunity	Kate Te Morenga

## Appendix 3 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
3434 18-19	Aide Memoire: Cabinet Paper – Enhancing the effectiveness of Government procurement policy report back	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	7 May
3464 18-19	Briefing: Further Information for revisiting the upgrade of the Oparara Arches and Access Road Funding Decisions	Minister Jones	Kate Styles	9 May
TBC	Event Briefing: USEC visit to Taupo and Turangi 14 -15 May	USEC	Nicki Sutherland	10 May
3363 18-19	Event Briefing: Minister Jackson visit to Kawerau, 15 May	Minister Jackson	Stephen Ruddell	10 May

## Appendix 4 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Event Briefing USEC's attendance at TRENZ on 16 May	USEC	Kate Styles	13 May
TBC	Minister Jones' visit to Kawerau / Te Kaha on 17 May	Minister Jones	Kate Styles	14 May
TBC	Briefing to the USEC about EDA work	USEC	Isabel Poulson	17 May
TBC	Event Briefing: Ministers' Parker and Jones meeting with Sir Stephen Tindall of Lanzatech	Ministers Parker and Jones	Isabel Poulson	23 May
TBC	Event Briefing: Minister's attendance at Techleaders Lunch on 5 June	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	31 May
TBC	Aide Memoire: 2019 Central Government and Local Government Forum on Wednesday, 19 June 2019	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	12 June

## Appendix 5 – Official Information Act requests

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0275	Privacy of natural persons	23 Aug	1 Nov	15 Feb	Consultation	Items relating to funding Waitangi National Trust since November 2017
1819-1260		25 Feb	5 Apr	12 Apr	Review (Minister's Office)	I request a copy of all aides memoire, memos, reports, briefings and papers produced by the Provincial Development Unit in the period 1 May 2018 to 31 May 2018 (both dates inclusive.)
1819-1545		24 Apr	16 May	TBC	Scoping	A copy of all advice and communication provided to Ministers regarding the feasibility of the \$950,000 Hiringa Energy hydrogen project being funded through the Provincial Growth Fund. A copy of advice or communication from other government agencies/departments or Treasury held by MBIE regarding the feasibility and risks of the Hiringa Energy hydrogen project in Taranaki.
1819-1543		24 Apr	16 May	23 May	Review	The total cost so far of administering the Provincial Growth Fund. Please give a detailed breakdown of what these costs include. -The number of staff allocated to administering the PGF. -Projected cost in the future of administering the PGF. -Please outline which budget these costs are being met from.

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1819-1447	Privacy of natural persons	02 Apr	31 May	7 Jun	Consultation	<p>With respect, I request the following information under the terms of the Official Information Act 1982, in relation to the paperwork error in relation to the Provincial Growth Fund. Controller, Auditor-General John Ryan reported the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) spent public money outside the authority provided by Parliament. It was granted approval to increase the amount of departmental expenditure to administer the Provincial Growth Fund and incurred expenses accordingly. However, a paperwork error meant that authority to spend could not be granted until the paperwork was corrected. The correction was made, and the creation of a new appropriation category approved, in October 2018. But by that time, some money had already been spent on the basis of the August approval but before the proper authority was in place in October. How much money was spent before the error was discovered - and how much in total? What was the money spent on? What was the nature of paperwork mentioned? Please provide detail around what happened. Who made the error? When was it discovered? Has/ will the money be recovered? I'm also requesting all documents, prepared, sent and received by MBIE, in relation to this error and the spending of public money outside the authority provided by Parliament</p>

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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1555	Privacy of natural persons	29 Apr	17 May	24 May	TBC	I request a copy of all letters and correspondence provided in support of the application by Grey District Council for the Dredging of Greymouth Port Lagoon, which received \$750,000 from the Provincial Growth Fund. I also request a copy of the funding application which should have been included in response to DOIA 1819-0469 and was not.
1819-1543		24 Apr	16 May	23 May	Scoping	Under the Official Information Act I would like to request the following: -The total cost so far of administering the Provincial Growth Fund. Please give a detailed breakdown of what these costs include. -The number of staff allocated to administering the PGF. -Projected cost in the future of administering the PGF. -Please outline which budget these costs are being met from.

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## Appendix 6 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2345	Privacy of natural persons	30 Apr	3 May Sent (10 May)	Roof Tiles factory in Opunake
SJ0175		1 May	17 May Sent (9 May)	PGF and Smart Specialisations
SJ2357		7 May	23 May Sent (10 May)	Second follow up letters for Midwest Ferries Proposal
SJ2257		9 May	30 May	\$100m on loans and grants to Māori landowners

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## Appendix 7 – Parliamentary Questions

### Written Parliamentary Questions

Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 17026 (2019) – PQ 17089 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	3 May	10 May	63 x various PQs re the Grow Regions website, the radio interview on The Country and PGF projects.

### Oral Parliamentary Questions

From	Date received	Question
Hon Paul Goldsmith	1 May	Does he stand by all his statements and actions?

## Appendix 8 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Tracking Number	Name	Due for release	Status
N/A	Senior Regional Official meeting papers	From 11 February 2019	Preparing documents
N/A	Independent Advisory Panel meeting papers	From 11 February 2019	Preparing documents
Multiple	Weekly Reports (1/3, 8/3, 15/3)	From 11 February 2019	Ministerial Consultation
N/A	Cabinet papers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PGF West Coast Tourism Investment Package</li> <li>DEV Report back</li> </ul>	From 1 February 2019	Ministerial Consultation
N/A	Regional Economic Development meeting papers	From 1 February 2019	Ministerial Consultation
N/A	Waitangi announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whenua Māori Cabinet paper</li> <li>Event briefing</li> <li>Advice on Kaipara announcements</li> <li>PGF Investment in skills and infrastructure</li> </ul>	From 11 March 2019	Ministerial Consultation

Documents Released This Week		
Tracking Number	Request	Published