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Tēna koe Mark

Tai Tokerau Regional Investment Plan – He Whenua and next steps

Ko ngā pae tawhiti, whāia kia tata. Ko ngā pae tata whakamaua, kia tina.
Seek to bring distant horizons closer, and cherish those you have already attained.

Thank you for submitting the Tai Tokerau Regional Investment Plan – He Whenua (TRIP) to the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) – Te Amorangi Mātauranga Matua. We would like to acknowledge the significant amount of work and human resources that have gone into developing the TRIP.

It is clear that widespread regional engagement and consultation has occurred to inform the TRIP. The result is a comprehensive regional tertiary education plan (starting with He Whenua) and associated work programme with a clear kaupapa. This will enable the TRIP to act as an anchor for wider Tai Tokerau tertiary education and careers related work in the region and for the TEC. We also consider that the TRIP will be a key enabler in achieving educational success for people in Te Tai Tokerau, particularly Māori.

The TEC Board of Commissioners (the Board) supports the TRIP and has approved that the TEC create an internal implementation group to partner with the TRIP Advisory Group and the region. The Board has reviewed the TRIP and its associated work programme in line with the TEC's expectations set out in the Tai Tokerau Northland Focus Area Brief.

It is the Board's view that TEC and the TRIP Advisory Group work together to prioritise activities for implementation from the submitted workplan. In the first instance considering the activities that are achievable within the existing operational environment. Some of the activities proposed in the workplan will require extensive hui and consultation with other agencies. We will work with the TRIP Advisory Group to determine the approach to this longer term work.

We would like to invite you to Wellington to present the TRIP to key TEC staff and a group of selected government agencies and stakeholders sometime in early December. We believe that presenting your experiences in developing the TRIP and the kaupapa behind the TRIP will enable other agencies to understand what we are working towards. It will also set the scene for our future hui and work with other government agencies.



We would also like to hear about the process you used to develop the TRIP. We appreciate your extensive documentation of the development process for the TRIP. This has provided Te Tai Tokerau with a way forward for regional tertiary education planning. We consider this process can also provide a framework for other regions throughout the country to develop a regional planning approach to tertiary education.

The TEC's internal implementation group will work with you to develop an implementation business plan which will support prioritisation of the activities outlined in the work programme. We expect this plan to inform the TEC's business processes and inform the way we work rather than simply be a standalone project. We believe that the work to support implementation of the TRIP will require work across TEC's Ōritetanga – Learner Success, Delivery, and Strategy Directorates with oversight at the level of Deputy Chief Executive.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this letter in more detail please contact Sara Williams, Investment Manager, by email at sara.williams@tec.govt.nz or by phone on 027 551 2883.

We look forward to working with you to deliver the activities of the TRIP for the people of Te Tai Tokerau.

Na tōu rourou, na tōku rourou, ka ora te iwi.
With your contribution and our contribution we will make progress.

Ngā mihi



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