



Why am I being contacted?

Your views and input is being sought for a new Regional Investment Plan. You and your organisation are seen as important stakeholders in Te Tai Tokerau, sharing a wish for better educational, cultural, social, environmental and economic outcomes for our people.

What is an Investment Plan?

This is the main way that the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) fund tertiary education providers throughout New Zealand. The TEC invests public funding in tertiary education, based on Investment Plans submitted to them by tertiary providers. These Investment Plans outline the needs of the region within which the provider operates, and the qualifications the provider would like to offer. Investment Plans usually cover a period of 1-2 years. The TEC considers each Investment Plan against a number of criteria, including alignment with the Tertiary Education Strategy. They then decide what they will and will not fund.

Who is TEC and what do they do?

TEC is the organisation that controls most of the Governments investment in tertiary education in New Zealand.

What is the Tai Tokerau Regional Investment Plan (TRIP)?

A TRIP has the same purpose as an Investment Plan for an individual tertiary provider, except the TRIP covers the needs of the region as well as qualifications and training offered by **all** providers covered by the TRIP. This TRIP is the first of its kind in New Zealand and is being piloted in Te Tai Tokerau.

Why a Regional Tertiary Investment Plan?

The Education Minister has identified the need for closer links between tertiary organisations, Māori, industry and other stakeholders-and the importance of regional tertiary provision. The TRIP will better connect the needs and aspirations of Te Tai Tokerau with how the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) invests in education. This will in turn be reflected in providers coming together collaboratively to deliver those education services.

How are NorthTec involved?

NorthTec have been asked by TEC to help coordinate the pilot programme through:

- An environmental scan of what Māori, Industry and other stakeholders have already said about what is needed for Te Tai Tokerau to prosper

- Liaising with and seeking further input from these stakeholders
- Producing a draft TRIP that reflects and addresses those needs through providers collaborating together
- Seeking confirmation from those stakeholders that the solutions are what is needed
- Submitting a final draft

What is the focus of the TRIP?

There is a wide range of education needs in Te Tai Tokerau. To be able to deal with them all a staged approach has been adopted. This is spread over three years. “Whenua” is the focus for 2019 and includes the primary industry sectors including forestry, agriculture, horticulture, environment and transport.

