

Do you have a passion for improving education and skills in the Bay of Plenty?

The Bay of Plenty Tertiary Intentions Strategy 2014-2019 (TIS) is an independent, regionally-owned strategy to guide tertiary education delivery in the wider Bay of Plenty (including Taupo) that is closely aligned with iwi, local industry and the community.

The TIS lays out a collaborative vision, strategy and desired actions for post-compulsory education and research delivery in the region. It is independent from any one education institution to ensure active, nimble partnerships are formed between people, businesses and communities.

The TIS is also closely aligned with the Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Growth Study (RGS), which identifies the TIS as a core mechanism through which the region can achieve its educational aspirations.

A key recommendation of both strategies is the establishment of a formal means of engagement with the post-compulsory education sector to provide collaborative leadership and regional advocacy for local education and research needs.

A TIS leadership group has been established to assist in prioritising and overseeing implementation of the recommendations in the TIS. The leadership group will also play a role in ensuring the region's tertiary needs and aspirations are kept relevant and effectively communicated to key stakeholders.

Independently chaired by former Minister for Tertiary Education, Sir Michael Cullen, applications are being sought for several contestable positions on the newly formed leadership group. Ideal applicants will exhibit the following attributes:

- An appreciation and understanding of the significance of collaborative and partnership approaches to achieve effective implementation.
- An understanding of the region and its communities and ongoing role and significance of tertiary education in achieving social, community, environmental and economic wellbeing.
- The ability to impartially represent the interests of the Bay of Plenty's social, community and/or business sector.
- An understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi and how it relates to an educational context.
- The ability to advocate to achieve commitment to effective implementation.
- Capable of considering and balancing a wide range of stakeholder interests.
- Outcome focused.

If you are interested in applying, please send a copy of your CV, together with a brief cover letter outlining relevant experience to greg@priorityone.co.nz by **Friday 22 January, 2016**. Roles are non-remunerated and applicants will need to be prepared to attend four meetings per year. A copy of the strategy can be downloaded from: <http://www.priorityone.co.nz/vdb/document/453>. Terms of reference are attached below.

TERMS OF REFERENCE — BAY OF PLENTY TERTIARY INTENTIONS STRATEGY LEADERSHIP GROUP

Background

The Bay of Plenty Tertiary Intentions Strategy 2014-2019 (TIS) has been developed to provide a collective vision, strategy and desired actions for tertiary education and research delivery in the Bay of Plenty and Taupo, which is closely aligned with local industry and the community. The TIS is closely aligned with Toi Moana - the BOP Growth Study (RGS), which identifies the TIS as a core mechanism through which the region can achieve its educational aspirations and improve outcomes for all.

A key recommendation from both strategies, strongly supported by community stakeholders, is the establishment of a formal means of engagement with the post-compulsory education sector to provide collaborative leadership and regional advocacy for local education and research needs. The regional tertiary implementation group will oversee implementation of the recommendations contained in the TIS, monitor progress and ensure the region's tertiary needs and aspirations are kept relevant and effectively communicated. Establishing the regional tertiary implementation group is considered by regional stakeholders to be a fundamental part of achieving effective implementation of both the TIS and the BOP RGS.

Purpose of the BOP TIS

The TIS provides a framework by which local communities, iwi, industry and interest groups within the Bay of Plenty can proactively advocate for their tertiary education and research needs in a collaborative manner. Specifically, the objectives of the TIS are to:

1. Increase participation in tertiary education (vocational, professional, academic and research) and improve the educational attainment levels for people within our communities, and in particular for Maori;
2. Increase research and generate knowledge that enables innovation, fosters business growth and supports community development;
3. Develop an educated, entrepreneurial and skilled workforce that supports sustainable social, cultural, economic and environmental development across the region.

Scope of the TIS leadership group

The Bay of Plenty tertiary intentions leadership group (BoPTLG) will:

- Connect the various stakeholders with an interest in tertiary education and assist in communicating regional tertiary education and research needs/priorities with the tertiary education sector.
- Seek responses from the range of implementation organisations and agencies on how they intend to respond to the recommendations in the Tertiary Intentions Strategy.
- Work with stakeholders to develop and adopt an annual implementation plan, providing six monthly progress reports to the regional spatial plan governance group, Invest Bay of Plenty (once established) and copied to the appropriate sub-regional governance agencies, including Rotorua District Council, Taupo District Council, Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee, SmartGrowth Implementation Committee, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Bay of Connections Governance Group.
- Take responsibility for identifying relevant stakeholders for recommended actions where stakeholders are not specifically identified in the tertiary intentions strategy.
- Identify opportunities for effective media engagement supporting the region's tertiary needs and intentions.
- Identify and manage any risks in implementation of the regional Tertiary Intentions Strategy.
- Review and recommend adjustments to the regional tertiary intentions strategy if and when circumstances change.
- Facilitate consultation and advocacy with government and other appropriate agencies on regional tertiary matters.

- Facilitating consultation with the community on tertiary education matters as appropriate.

Relationships with key stakeholders

Key stakeholder groups include:

- Tertiary education commission (government).
- Bay of Plenty Triennial Mayors forum (local/regional government).
- Bay of Connections Governance Group (Bay of Plenty industry forum).
- Bay of Plenty economic development agencies (economic development).
- Bay of Plenty Chambers of Commerce (enterprise development).
- Bay of Plenty tertiary partnership executive (tertiary providers).
- Western Bay of Plenty tertiary providers' forum (tertiary providers).
- SmartGrowth Implementation committee and forums.
- Eastern Bay of Plenty joint committee.
- Rotorua District Council.
- Taupo District Council.
- Social/community agencies and groups.

Meeting frequency

Four per year.

Administrative support

Priority One will provide management and administrative support to the BOPTLG.

Review

That this terms of reference is reviewed annually.