

# The Western Bay of Plenty City and Regional Deal

## What is a City and Regional Deal?

This Deal brings together Central Government, Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, and Bay of Plenty Regional Council in a 10-year agreement guided by a 30-year vision, aligning local priorities and investment to deliver infrastructure faster, support housing growth, and increase economic certainty, productivity and jobs.

City and Regional Deals are long-term partnerships between central and local government.



### Transport and Infrastructure Investment



The Deal coordinates transport investment to enable housing and business growth, prioritising Takitimu North Link Stage 2 and Tauriko West (State Highway 29A widening) to support urban and industrial development.

### Supporting housing and urban growth



The Deal supports quality urban growth across the Western Bay of Plenty Sub-Region through a refreshed spatial plan (as part of the regional combined plan for Bay of Plenty) under the new resource management system. Over 10 years, it enables around 12,000 greenfield homes and 3,000 infill and intensified homes, with growth focused along key eastern, northern and western corridors and aligned with transport, water and community infrastructure.

### Supporting growing communities



Recognising strong population growth, the Deal takes a partnership approach to planning health and education infrastructure. Joint planning groups will align housing and infrastructure with future needs, including Tauranga Hospital redevelopment, ambulatory care, school expansions and potential new schools, ensuring communities are well supported as growth occurs.

### Partnering with Māori and unlocking the Māori economy



The Deal recognises the importance of the Māori economy and tangata whenua in the Western Bay of Plenty's future growth, partnering with iwi and Māori organisations to support opportunities in housing and papakāinga, social procurement, land leasing, and investment in public infrastructure.

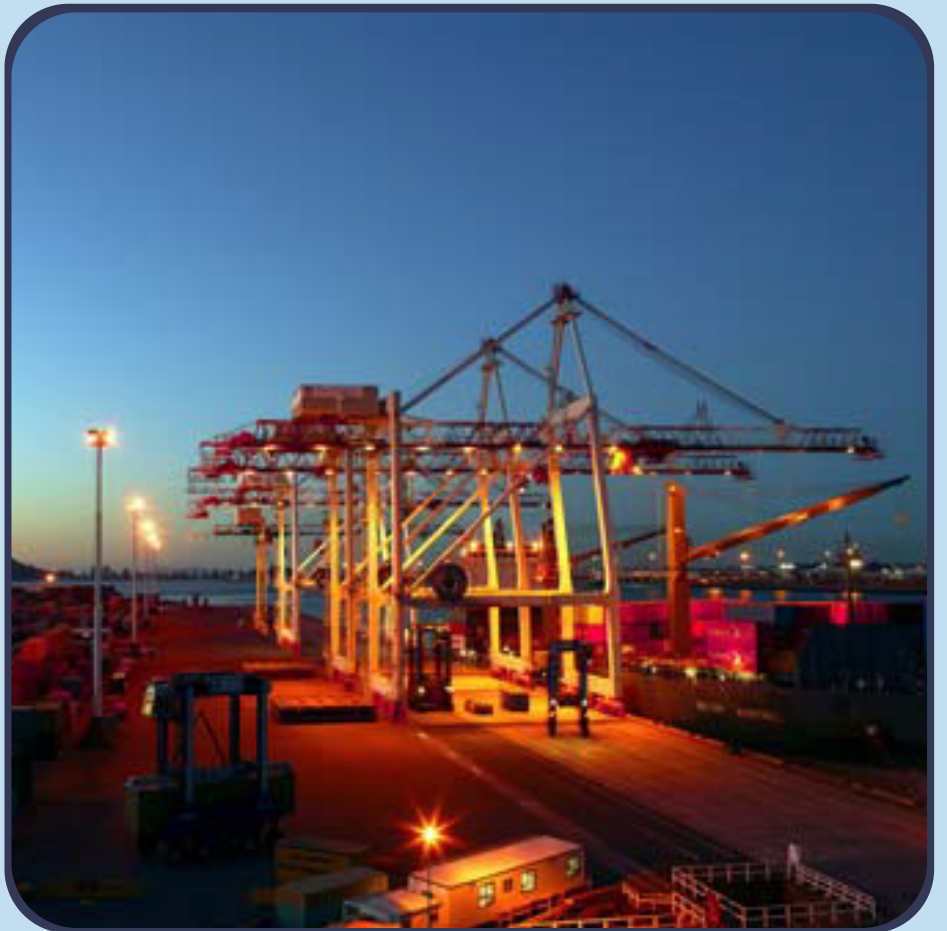


## Gateway to global trade



The Western Bay of Plenty Deal recognises the region's role as New Zealand's gateway to global trade, supported by the nationally significant kiwifruit industry, the Port of Tauranga, and the key transport corridors that drive export-led growth.

*Growing New Zealand's future through exports, enterprise and world-class infrastructure.*



## Governance and Delivery

The Deal sets out clear governance, including a Western Bay of Plenty Deal Oversight Board to monitor and coordinate delivery. An Implementation Plan will be developed within six months, with regular engagement between Ministers, Mayors and the Regional Council Chair to ensure alignment, transparency and accountability.



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