

Expressions of Interest – Bay of Connections Leadership Group Chair and Members

Expressions of interest are being sought for representatives on the newly formed Bay of Connections Leadership Group to support Regional Economic Development in the Bay of Plenty.

The Leadership Group will provide advice on priority focus areas for Bay of Connections, with the development of a business plan an initial first step. Members of the group will be remunerated for their contribution of up to 20 days per year.

Bay of Connections provides the framework for Regional Economic Development for the wider Bay of Plenty region. It has recently undergone a review and reset to provide a fit for purpose structure for our changing operating environment. The reset outcomes from the review identified the function, structure and people for regional economic development in the Bay of Plenty.

Bay of Connections 2.0 will allow for quick, relevant responses to a dynamic operational environment. It will be empowering to ensure decisions and implementation can happen quickly:

- Focus on BOC Strategic priorities, ensuring these are evidenced based and aligned/support sub-regional economic development activities.
- A three-yearly strategy workshop with the leadership group and all Mayors/CE's to discuss regional priority issues for sustainable economic development.
- Provide strategic advice and support to BOPRC and BOC Operations Team, insight into emergent trends and implications for the BOP's sustainable economic development; direction, advice and points of escalation on complex decisions as appropriate.
- Actively lead change in thinking to support better cross-region decision making on matters of sustainable regional economic development.

The Leadership Group is proposed to comprise the following membership:

- Independent Chairperson
- Three to five regional business leaders

Attributes expected of members:

Trust, credibility and impact are critical to the success of the future model, along with , and expertise attributesspecific skills

- Relationship builder, good at on boarding and rallying people and teams
- Effective communicator, able to listen and communicate in ways that build rapport
- Eager to engage with people
- Thought leader, able to kick through barriers and provide thoughtful solutions to problems

- Solutions focused.
- An understanding of governance issues
- An understanding of the wider interests of the publicly-accountable local and central government stakeholders
- An enthusiasm for the economic development of the Bay of Plenty
- A high standard of personal integrity
- The ability to work collaboratively and cooperatively within a team and with stakeholders.

For expressions of interest please email a CV and cover letter to Namouta Poutasi, General Manager Strategy & Science, Bay of Plenty Regional Council – Toi Moana at namouta.poutasi@boprc.govt.nz

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Expressions of interests are open until **5pm Friday 14 June 2019**.