



# Bay of Connections

## Update on the Bay of Plenty's Economic Development Strategy, June 2009 #2

It's been seven months since Bay of Connections was launched. In that time there has been great momentum. The region is taking positive steps forward in achieving our goals.

The Regional Governance and Regional Management groups are pleased with the real willingness by those involved to work together. This has been the reason why things are happening.

Here is an update on the projects in progress:

### HARBOUR CENTRAL MARINE PRECINCT

- A feasibility study recently completed and presented to the Priority One Board and Tauranga City Council recommended a staged approach to development of the Harbour Central Marine Precinct.
- The first stage is being developed further. The financial elements of the development will be reviewed by KPMG.
- A meeting has been held with the Marine Industry Association to ensure Tauranga remains a visible and essential component in New Zealand's overall refit offering.

### FOOD SECTOR STRATEGY

- More than 115 food and beverage businesses have been surveyed and 43 key businesses have been interviewed in person.

- Vantage Consulting Group and iGrow NZ Ltd are now analysing this information and will conduct a workshop with key industry representatives to discuss some of the key themes.
- The strategy and implementation plan are due for completion by 30 June and will be presented at an industry forum on 2 July.


### ENERGY STRATEGY

- East Harbour Management Services is completing the region's Energy Strategy.
- Consultation is happening with key stakeholders throughout the region.
- A regional forum to help shape the strategy will be held on 6 July at the Rotorua Events Centre. Completion of the final report is due by end of July.
- Call Janeane Joyce on 0800 ENV BOP (368 267) if you would like more details.

### AQUACULTURE STRATEGY

- LECG has interviewed key stakeholders, collated information, and will deliver a draft strategy in the next month.
- An Aquaculture Advisory Group has assisted in the strategy's development. That group will meet on 24 June to consider the draft strategy.
- A regional aquaculture forum will take place on 7 July in Whakatane. This will provide the wider region with an opportunity to provide their input into the strategy before it is completed in August.

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