

BOP Tertiary Intentions Strategy fact sheet

- The Bay of Plenty Tertiary Intentions Strategy (TIS) has been established to develop a collective vision, strategy and desired actions for tertiary education delivery in the region that is closely aligned with local industry and the community.
- It will propose how the region's tertiary providers, along with government agencies, economic development agencies, iwi, industry and community groups can work in partnership to ensure the region's current and future research and education priorities are met.
- The TIS contributes to the government's National Tertiary Education Strategy, and has been designed to bring the national strategy to life, making it relevant to the Bay of Plenty region.
- The National Tertiary Education Strategy (2010 – 2015) sets the framework around the region's objectives and priorities, with region-specific priorities identified based on the skill needs of industry, unique regional characteristics and identified community needs.
- The TIS incorporates the regions of Eastern and Western Bay of Plenty, Rotorua, and Taupo and is a regionally-owned action plan, not a tertiary institution plan. It is supported by the Bay of Plenty Tertiary Education Partnership (which includes Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, Bay of Plenty Polytechnic, University of Waikato and Waiariki Institute of Technology).
- It is overseen by a reference group consisting of representatives from each sub-region and the relevant economic development agencies, the Tertiary Education Partnership, iwi and BayTrust.
- It is supported by a project team consisting of Greg Simmonds (Priority One), Shane Stuart (University of Waikato) and Neil Barnes (independent education consultant).
- The plan will align itself with the regional economic development strategy, Bay of Connections, the catchments of the Tertiary Education Partnership institutions, and the economic development and spatial plan strategies of the sub-regions.
- Key TIS objectives include increasing tertiary education participation and attainment in the region, particularly for Māori; developing a highly educated and skilled workforce that is aligned to regional needs, and; facilitating research for sector development and innovation to help support overall economic growth and community development in the region.
- The plan will provide clear guidance for institutions, industry and regional agencies (both collectively and individually) as to current and future tertiary education requirements and how they might fill any gaps or leverage opportunities.
- Contributions to the development of the TIS have been welcome, with an extensive stakeholder and community consultation process completed during August/September 2014. The final TIS will be available in the coming weeks.