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A JUST TRANSITION

TO A LOW EMISSIONS ECONOMY



Using a just transitions approach with Taranaki
Presentation to Future of Work Tripartite Forum
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What do we mean by a Just Transition?



A **just transition** is about:

- understanding the different pathways we have to transform our economy (to one that is more **productive, sustainable and inclusive**);
- partnering with Māori/iwi, local government, business, communities and the workforce to identify, create and support new opportunities, new jobs, new skills and new investments that will emerge from transition;
- understanding how impacts of transition are distributed across the economy and making choices about how we manage these in an equitable and inclusive way; and
- building the social licence necessary to be ambitious in our approach to transforming the NZ economy.

A broad range of factors will impact on New Zealand’s transformation over the next 30 years, including our response to **climate change**, technological development and the future of work.

We are focusing our just transition work on the pathways, partnerships and decisions that **support a just transition to a low emissions economy.**

The Just Transition Unit Work Programme

Initially focusing on three key areas to build a Just Transition approach into our climate change work:

1. Partnership

- **Effective partnering with Taranaki to assist with the region's transition**
- Effective partnering with the 'process heat' sectors to assist the transition

2. Policy coherence and alignment

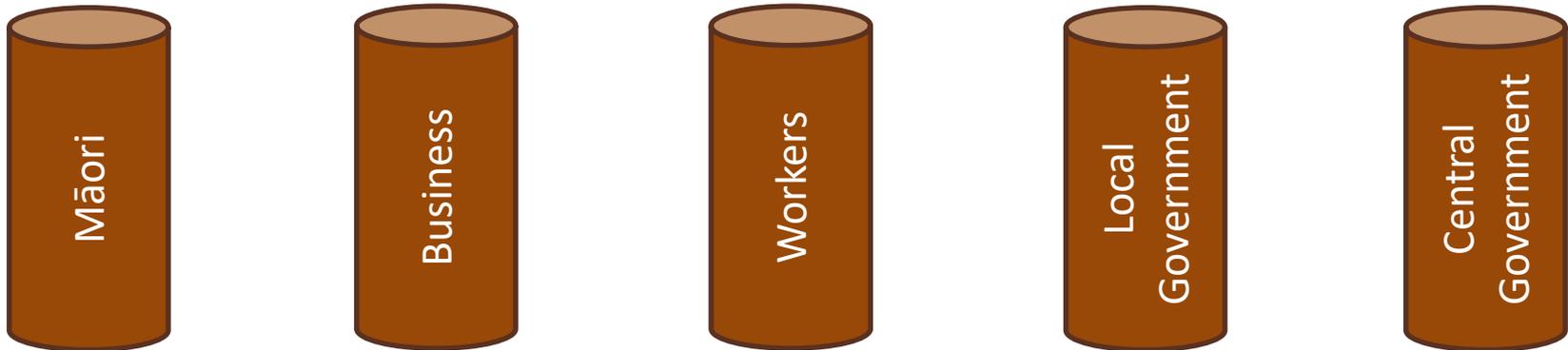
- Coordinating economic advice into key climate change policy processes
- Developing an evidence base to better understand the distributional impacts of major climate change policy decisions on the regions, sectors and communities most likely to be affected by transition-related decisions
- Working with other government agencies to ensure a just transition lens is used in the development of policy and operational work

3. Shared vision

- **Planning for a National Just Transition Summit (hosted in Taranaki, second quarter 2019)**



A deliberate and considered approach : 5 pou/pillars



Our starting point was to listen carefully, learn, and form good relationships.... And this continues to be work in progress.

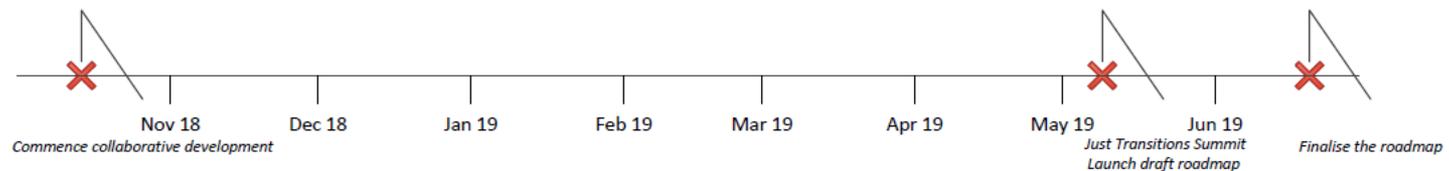
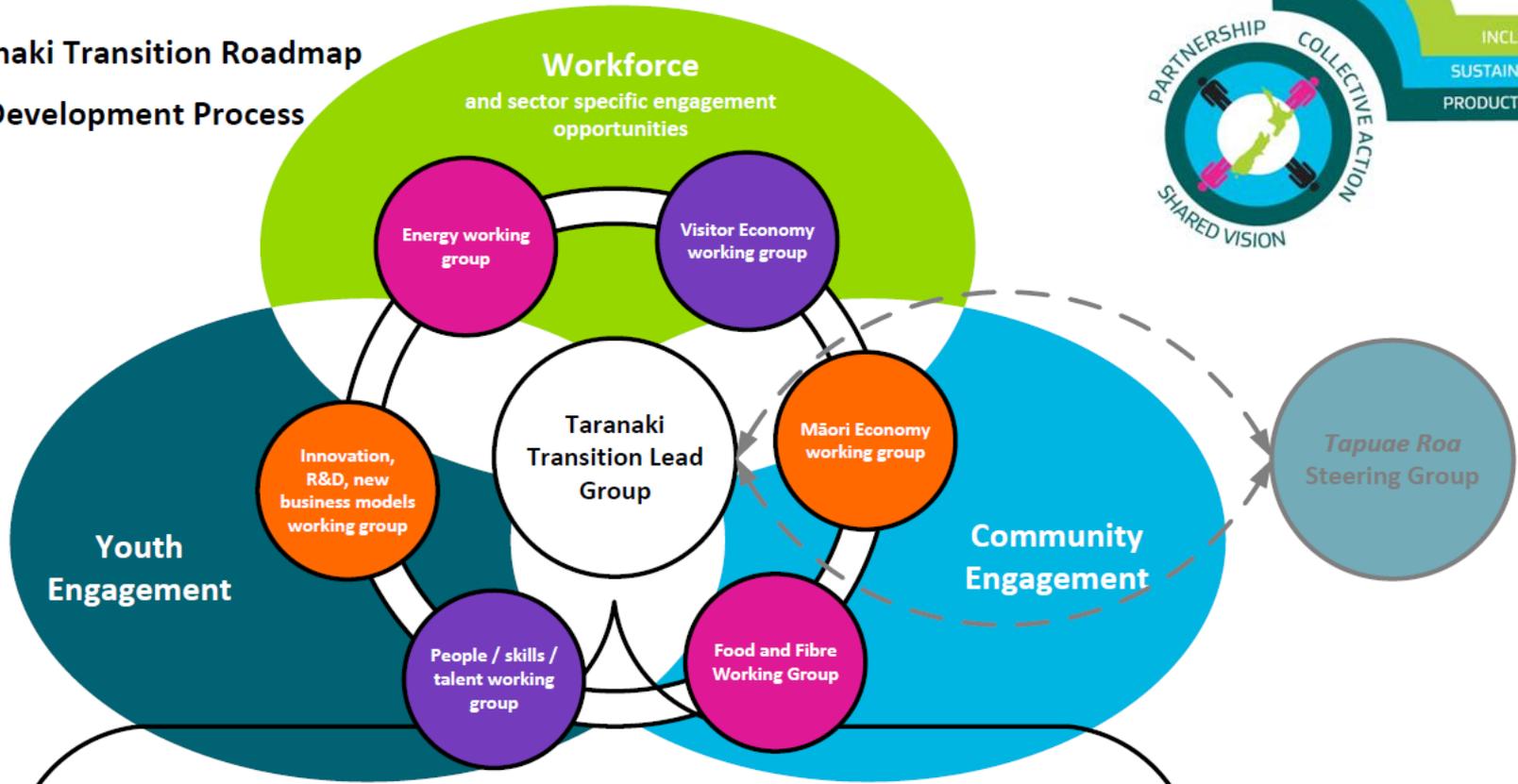
We're looking forward, together



- What does a successful just transition look like for Taranaki – things to get right, things to avoid, critical success factors?
- How do we build from existing plans such as *Tapuae Roa* and other roadmaps, initiatives and/or plans?
- Who else is/are important strategic partners for this transition and how will we work together effectively?
- What are the 3-4 key areas where we will need to coalesce our efforts over the next 6-18 months to make real progress for Taranaki?



Taranaki Transition Roadmap Development Process



New energy is Taranaki's future

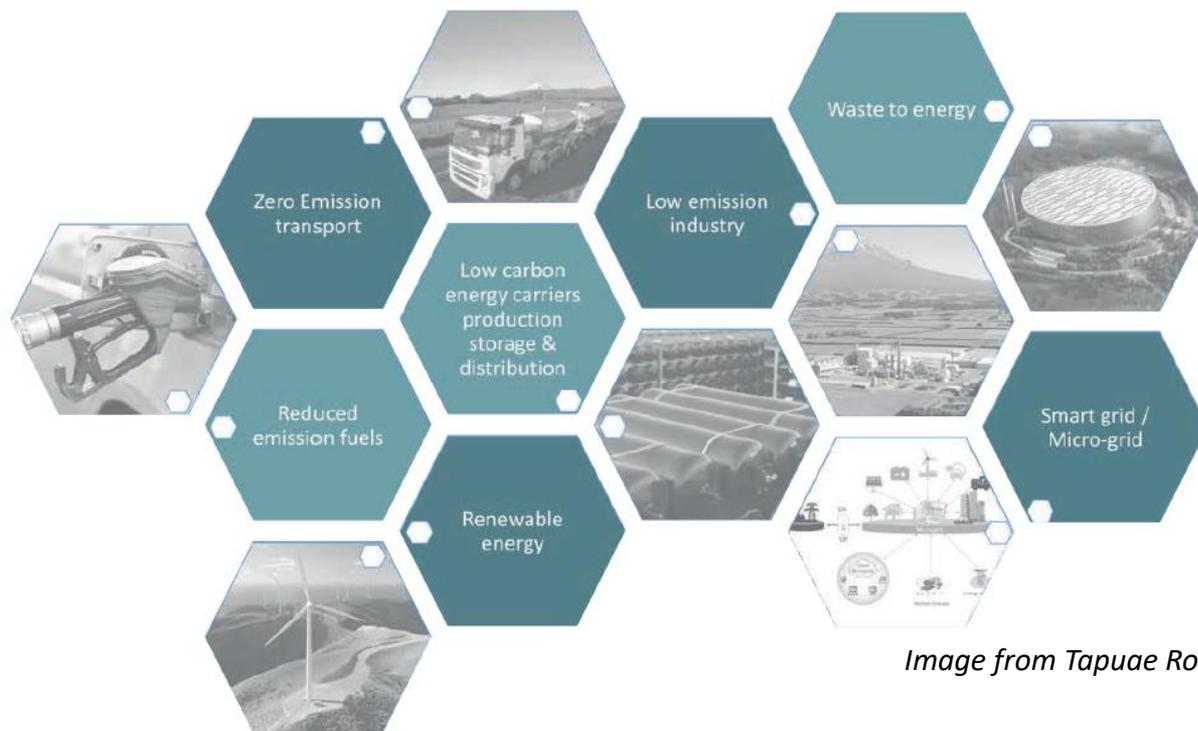


Image from Tapuae Roa: Make Way for Taranaki Action Plan

Through the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF), the Government has already committed:

- \$100,000 for a business case for a New Energy Development Centre
- \$50,000 to prepare a Hydrogen Roadmap for H2 Taranaki
- \$950,000 for Hiringa Energy to develop hydrogen infrastructure
- \$600,000 over three years for a transitional economy manager in Taranaki.

Skills and labour are essential to success



- Taranaki has been clear that transitioning is as much about supporting people to participate in the transition and new opportunities as it is about identifying the opportunities (such as new energy).
- Successful skills and labour elements of a just transition depend on cross-portfolio alignment and support!
- This is interdependent on the Vocational Education and Training (VET) review, the Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics (ITP) 2020 roadmap review, Sector Workforce Engagement Programmes, Employment Strategies, and more.
- We want to actively pilot new approaches to skills and active labour markets

Next steps



- The transition towards a low emissions economy has begun.
- The opportunities for new jobs, new ways of living and new ways of working are significant.
- We are committed to ensuring the key voices are at the table.
- And we can try new ways of delivering positive outcomes for the region.
- The first National Just Transition Summit will be held in Taranaki in the second quarter of 2019. I hope to see many of you there.