

Current initiatives

to unlock new investment in whenua Māori, infrastructure and accelerate exports

Towards long-term outcomes, by 2035:



Competitive Business Settings

1. Reform the regulatory and legislative framework applying to Māori-owned land & lift capital access

a. Simplify planning and related processes

- Establish a National Papakāinga Direction Statement and enable granny flats on Māori land
- Amend Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993

b. Facilitate capital access and inflows

- Optimise Iwi and Māori funding collaboration with government
- Facilitate lending options for Māori land development (e.g. Regional Infrastructure Fund)
- Amend the Māori Trustee Act 1953

Improved land asset utilisation and productivity



Infrastructure for Growth

2. Infrastructure Investment

a. Elevate cross-agency work to activate Iwi and Māori co-investment in infrastructure (PPP, energy, water storage)

- Expedite significant Iwi and Māori led or partnered fast track projects
- Facilitate Iwi and Māori co-investment in the infrastructure pipeline (e.g. PPP and Infrastructure Summit 2025)
- Progress RIF support for Iwi and Māori led or partnered regional projects e.g. geothermal, water
- Advance project feasibility to “investment-ready” status in emerging sectors (e.g. aquaculture)

b. Iwi-led system innovation and investment collaboration

- Support Iwi infrastructure partners (e.g. Rauawa)

Asset diversification and wealth creation through regional co-investment



Promoting global trade and investment

3. Boost export receipts of Māori business

a. Strengthen the pipeline of fast-growing Māori exporters and shore up Māori tourism

- Deliberately focus Māori primary sector investment to lift export receipts
- Accelerate Export Partnership Programme and Digital Scale-for-Export
- Leverage FTAs and Indigenous Collaboration Agreements for Iwi and Māori economic growth
- Optimise Iwi and Māori participation on international trade delegations
- Promote Māori tourism as unique selling proposition and platform for export growth

b. Support Māori exporters' global USP through domestic and international recognition of Māori traditional knowledge

- Progress biodiscovery protection for indigenous flora/fauna
- Address regulatory barriers to commercialisation, e.g. recognition of cultural intellectual property and provenance

Strengthen pipeline of high productivity Iwi and Māori exporters, and protect provenance value add