

Tertiary Education Report: Report to Ministers from the Lincoln University Governance Oversight Group

Date:	15 April 2020	TEC priority:	Medium
Security level:	In Confidence	Report no:	B-20-00225
		Minister's office No:	

ACTION SOUGHT		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Chris Hipkins Minister of Education	<p>note that the Lincoln University Governance Oversight Group had its inaugural meeting on 1 April 2020 and the Chair of the Governance Oversight Group's first report to Ministers is attached;</p> <p>forward this briefing and the Chair's report to the Minister of Finance for his information.</p>	As soon as practicable
Enclosure: Yes	Round Robin: No	

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THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES HAVE SEEN THIS REPORT

- DPMC MPI ENZ ERO MBIE MoE MFAT
 MPP MSD NZQA NZTE TEC TPK Treasury

- Minister's Office to Complete:**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

Comments:

Recommendation

Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education

It is recommended that you:

1. **note** that the Lincoln University (Lincoln) Governance Oversight Group (GOG) had its inaugural meeting on 1 April 2020 and the Chair of the GOG's first report to Ministers is attached;
2. **forward** this briefing and the Chair's report to the Minister of Finance for his information;
3. **agree** that the Tertiary Education Commission proactively release this briefing and the Chair's report with commercially sensitive information withheld given it may impact on any future procurement processes and to allow Lincoln to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).



Gillian Dudgeon

Deputy Chief Executive, Delivery
Tertiary Education Commission

15 April 2020

Hon Chris Hipkins

Minister of Education

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Hon Grant Robertson

Minister of Finance

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Background

1. In November 2019, Cabinet agreed to provide up to \$80 million in Crown capital funding to Lincoln University (Lincoln) to support the rebuild of its science facilities [CAB-19-MIN-0583], as part of its wider campus redevelopment and transformation programme – *Moving Forward*.
2. A funding agreement was signed between the Crown and Lincoln outlining the terms under which the Crown agreed to provide capital funding, and the accountability and reporting mechanisms that were to be put in place. This was signed by the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Education on behalf of the Crown in December 2019 (B-19-01460 refers).
3. Consistent with the Cabinet decision, the funding agreement specified that a Governance Oversight Group (GOG) was to be established. The GOG's role is to ensure that there is strong monitoring and accountability for delivering Lincoln's *Moving Forward* Programme and its proposed benefits, and to ensure that the Programme is being appropriately governed.
4. Earlier in 2020, the TEC and Lincoln jointly appointed Murray Coppersmith, an ex-partner at PwC, as the Independent Chair of the GOG. We have attached a biography of Murray to this briefing. In addition to the Independent Chair, the GOG includes:
 - The Chair of the TEC Board – Jenn Bestwick;
 - The Chief Executive of the TEC – Tim Fowler;
 - The Lincoln, Chancellor – Bruce Gemmell;
 - The Chair of Lincoln's Capital Assets Council sub-Committee – Janice Fredric; and
 - The Acting Lincoln Vice-Chancellor – Professor Bruce McKenzie.
5. The GOG had its inaugural meeting on 1 April 2020 via videoconference. I attach the first report from the Chair of the Lincoln GOG and seek your agreement to forward the report to the Minister of Finance for his information.
6. The next GOG meeting will be in early May 2020. The GOG Chair will update you following that meeting.