Notice of a Scheme of Development and Reconstruction in the Taranaki, Wanganui, and King-country Regions

Pursuant to subsection (2) of section 29 of the Finance Act (No. 3), 1944, I, Robert Semple, the Minister of Works, hereby give notice of the nature of the work to be included in the scheme of development and reconstruction described in the First Schedule hereto, and that the approximate boundaries of the area hereby affected are as described in the Second Schedule hereto, such area being hereinafter referred to as "the area." This notice shall remain in force until the 30th day of September, 1946.

First Schedule
Nature of Work

Tax improvement of the lands and the development of the area for industrial, commercial, residential, and recreational purposes, including, in particular, the provision of:

1. Land Development
   (1) Land improvement and development works generally, including the acquisition of suitable blocks of land, clearing, subdivision, fencing, provision of houses, buildings, water-supply, access, and amenities.
   (2) Development of Native holdings by the provision of lime works, farm improvements, new access roads.
   (3) Clearing and stumpmg lands at Ohakune and Kaitieke requiring the use of heavy machinery.
   (4) Regeneration of deteriorated lands between the Turakina and Wanganui Rivers and in the Kaimanawa highlands, and in the backlands of Wanganui and Taranaki and the King-country generally.
   (5) Soil-conservation and river-control works and land drainage and reclamation throughout the area, including the following major works:
      (a) Works for the control of flood-waters and prevention of erosion and flooding, in particular in the basins of the various rivers in the area, the most important being of the Rangitikei, Turakina, Wanganui, Mangawhero, Wanganui, Waitotara, Patea, Waiata, Ohura, Tangarakau, and Mokau Rivers, and the tributaries of all of them, and willow eradication in the Mokau and Ohura Rivers.
      (b) The establishment of experimental soil-conservation and scientific-research stations in the backlands of Wanganui and Taranaki and the King-country.
      (c) The acquisition, planting, and regeneration of eroded lands throughout the area, and the protection of bush-clad areas by the establishment of firebreaks and other means of control.
      (d) Land protection by construction of a seawall at New Plymouth.
      (e) Afforestation: The development and expansion of forests generally within the area, with improved facilities for culture, control, and protection, particularly at Kartoi, Rangatanini, the Tongaroa Forest area, and on the slopes of Mount Egmont.
      (f) Stabilization of sand-dune areas, particularly that between the Wanganui and Rangitikei Rivers and at Nakamuru Domain in the Waitotara County.

2. Industrial
   (1) The establishment of industrial areas, and the provision and development of sites and buildings for industries, chiefly at Wanganui and New Plymouth.
   (2) The establishment, development, and improvement of industry on lands regenerated and stabilized lands.
   (3) Development of the ore and iron industries in the Taranaki areas.
   (4) Development of the coal industry at Ohura, Mangapeke, and Benneydale.

3. Commercial
   (1) The establishment of commercial areas, and the provision and development of sites and buildings for commerce in conjunction with residential and industrial areas.
   (2) The provision of accommodation and other facilities for tourist and holiday traffic, particularly at the Chateau, Egmont National Park, and Wanganui River.

4. Communications
   (1) Improvement of radio, telegraph, telephone, and postal services throughout the area, including a new chief post office, new workshops, and alterations to existing workshops at New Plymouth; new post-offices at Taihape, Opunake, Eltham, Mangapeke, Okato, Rangataua, and Wanganui East; and additions at Inglewood and Waverley; new automatic-telephone exchanges at New Plymouth, new post-offices at Taihape, Opunake, Eltham, Mangapeke, Okato, Rangataua, and Wanganui East; carrier telephone buildings at Mangaweka and Awakino, and a store-garage at Taihape.
   (2) Arterial and Local Access: Improvements and extensions of existing and provision of new arterial and local access generally throughout the area, including, particularly, the following main works:
      (a) Reconstruction, metalling, and sealing of the named sections on the following main routes, with renewals and replacements, where necessary, of bridges:
          (i) Wanganui—National Park: The Parapara, Makatote Stream—Raetihi, and Kaitieke County Sections.
          (iii) Wanganui-Bulls:
              (v) Hawera—New Plymouth via Opunake.
              (vi) New Plymouth—Te Kuiti: The Uruti to Mokau lengths, including, especially, new bridges over the Tongaporutu and Mohakatino Rivers.
              (vii) Mokau—Te Kuiti: The Mahoe—Piopio section, including, as major works, renewals of the Mangapohue and Awakino River Bridges.
              (viii) Te Kuiti—National Park: The Okahakura—Tangit, Manunui—Ohanga, Mapua—Ongarue, Ohura, and National Park sections.
              (ix) So much of the National Park—Taupo route as lies within the area, including, as a major work, the replacement of the Waitotara Bridge.
(b) New access roads—
(i) From Ranna to the Mangatavora Valley Road: Construction of the Mangatavora-Raetihi Road with Wanganui via the Wanganui Valley;
(ii) Mokan River Road.

(c) Improvements of existing routes—
(i) Taumarunui-Tokiands;
(ii) Te Kuiti—Benneydale;
(iii) Mangapehi-Marsden;
(iv) Te Moaehu Junction—Kuripapango;
(v) Turakina Valley—Hilihiti;
(vi) Taihape—Murray's Track;
(vii) New bridge at Onepuhi over Rangiiti River;
(viii) Pirikit-Bastini-Chalume;
(ix) Waiototara Main Valley Highway;
(x) Caves—Lemon Point;
(xi) Manaia—Dawson Falls;
(xii) Devon Road—Mount Egmont;
(xiii) Stratford—Mount Egmont;
(xiv) Bruce Main Highway to Chatea Tongariro;
(xv) Pogoio-Tatu;
(xvi) Tati to the Waitewhenua Road;
(xvii) Taumarunui to Opetee;
(xviii) Tokirima—Tatu; and
(xix) Stratus to the northern boundary of Whanga-momona County.

(d) Improvement of streets and provision of new streets and the replacement of bridges and provision of new bridges, including, in particular—
(i) In Wanganui City: Erection of new bridge over the Wanganui River; renewal of public passenger-transport system; general street improvements;
(ii) In New Plymouth: New public passenger-transport system; new bridge over the Henui Stream; a new north-west to south-west route by-passing the borough; and general street improvements, including improved traffic-routing;
(iii) General street improvements in the boroughs of Taihape, Ohakune, Hawers, Etham, Stratford, Inglewood, and Taumarunui.

(3) Railways: Improved rail facilities for all classes of traffic, including—
(a) Grade easements on the New Plymouth line between Palmerston North and Turakina, and between Wanganui and New Plymouth;
(b) Curve improvements between Marton and Mataraa;
(c) Station rearrangements and improvements at Taumarunui, Taihape, Marton, Hawers, Stratford, and New Plymouth;
(d) Completion of the Turakina-Uokia deviation.

Airports:
(a) Improvement of New Plymouth Airport;
(b) For Wanganui: Either improvement of existing aerodrome or provision of a new aerodrome;
(c) Improvement of airfields at Hawers, Stratford, and Katori, and provision of new airfields at Marakopa and Taumarunui;
(d) Provision of airparks for club and private aviation throughout the area.

Harbours: Improvement of harbour facilities generally, including Wanganui wharf repairs, wall-building, current control, and stabilization; a new slip, alterations to the south mole, and general improvements.

Roads: Transport: New and additional facilities for transport of passengers and goods generally within the area.

5. Utilities

(1) Electricity-supply: Additional generating and substations, transmission-lines, and reticulation and supply of electricity within the area, including the northern boundary of Wanganui-Taumarunui, and Taumarunui, Ohakune, Hawers, and Taumarunui, including the provision of Native housing throughout the Aotea Native Land District.

(2) The subdivision, regrouping, and improvement of lands affected by the reclamations and drainage works, and the better utilization thereof.

(3) The reconstruction and improvement, where necessary, of existing roads, streets, and bridges approaching and servicing developmental works.

7. Social Services

The provision of sites, buildings, and services throughout the area, both social and recreational purposes, including—

(1) Educational—
(a) Rebuilding of Wanganui Girls' College on a new site;
(b) Replacement of Keith Street School, Wanganui, and the Stratford School;
(c) New intermediate schools at Wanganui, New Plymouth, and Taumarunui;
(d) Extensive alterations and additions at Wanganui Technical School, New Plymouth Boys' High School, New Plymouth Girls' High School, and Hawera Technical School.

(e) A new district high school at Waitara.

(2) Health—
(a) Rebuilding of Wanganui Hospital;
(b) Additional nurses' accommodation, medical, surgical, and chest ward accommodation, and maternity accommodation for the Taranaki Hospital Board.
(c) New hospital at Lake Ailo.

(3) Cultural—
(a) New broadcasting stations at Wanganui, Taumarunui, Hawers, and New Plymouth;
(b) New and additional accommodation at New Plymouth, Taumarunui, and elsewhere within the area.

(4) Recreational—
(a) At Taihape: Provision of additional playing areas;
(b) At Hawera: Improvement or replacement of the swimming-baths;
(c) At Stratford: Improvements to the swimming-baths and provision of a camping-area.
(d) At Etham: Provision of a community centre.
(e) At New Plymouth: Development of reserves.

8. Defence

Construction and improvement of defence installations, including rebuilding of Wanganui Drill-hall and additional dormitory accommodation at Waiooru.

9. Public Administration

New facilities for Government and local administration, including—
(a) Government centres and accommodation for Social Security Department at New Plymouth, Wanganui, and Taumarunui;
(b) New Court houses at Wanganui and New Plymouth, and police-stations at Wanganui, New Plymouth, Hunterville, Opunake, and Waitara;
(c) Municipal buildings at Taumarunui.

SECOND SCHEDULE

APPROXIMATE BOUNDARIES OF AREA

All that area in the Wellington, Hawke's Bay, Auckland, and Taranaki Land Districts, bounded by a line commencing at a point on the sea-coast in line with the north-western boundary of the Manawatu-Taranaki Counties (Town of Himatangi Beach), Block III, Sandy Survey District; thence easterly along the northern side of Ruia Terrace and Waitara to the road between Ford Road and Stewart Road, Harbours, Police-stations at Wanganui, New Plymouth, Taumarunui, Ohakune, and Taumarunui, and including the provision of Native housing throughout the Aotea Native Land District.

(i) From Ranana to the Mangatavora Valley Road: Construction of the Mangatavora-Raetihi Road with Wanganui via the Wanganui Valley;
(ii) Mokan River Road.

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in so far as the foregoing notice affects works which by virtue of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1933, the Public Works Act, 1928, or any other statute or otherwise howsoever, the Taumarunui Borough Council is empowered to undertake, the Taumarunui Borough Council hereby joins in giving and affirms the said notice.

Dated at Wanganui, this 21st day of October, 1946.

E. Gilmour, Mayor of New Plymouth.

C. H. Wemyss, Councillor.

In so far as the foregoing notice affects works which by virtue of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1933, the Public Works Act, 1928, or any other statute or otherwise howsoever, the Patea County Council is empowered to undertake, the Patea County Council hereby joins in giving and affirms the said notice.

Dated at Wanganui, this 21st day of October, 1946.

W. A. N. Campbell, Mayor of Taumarunui.

W. J. Domett, Councillor.

In so far as the foregoing notice affects works which by virtue of the Counties Act, 1920, the Public Works Act, 1928, or any other statute or otherwise howsoever, the Ngapakoro Borough Council is empowered to undertake, the Ngapakoro Borough Council hereby joins in giving and affirms the said notice.

Dated at Wanganui, this 21st day of October, 1946.

K. W. Daleymple, Chairman of the Ngapakoro Borough Council.

W. J. Pope, Councillor.

In so far as the foregoing notice affects works which by virtue of the Counties Act, 1920, the Public Works Act, 1928, or any other statute or otherwise howsoever, the Patea County Council is empowered to undertake, the Patea County Council hereby joins in giving and affirms the said notice.

Dated at Wanganui, this 21st day of October, 1946.

W. G. Bleton, Chairman of the Patea County Council.

F. K. Pearce, Councillor.

In so far as the foregoing notice affects works which by virtue of the Counties Act, 1920, the Public Works Act, 1928, or any other statute or otherwise howsoever, the Ohura County Council is empowered to undertake, the Ohura County Council hereby joins in giving and affirms the said notice.

Dated at Wanganui, this 21st day of October, 1946.

C. E. Stewart, Chairman of the Ohura County Council.

Frank Romayne, Councillor.