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### **Crown support ensures continued education delivery**

Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) has welcomed today's announcement by Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment Minister Paul Goldsmith that the institution will receive short-term funding support.

TPP Chairman Andrew Robb says the funding will help ensure the continued delivery of quality tertiary education on the West Coast while future planning is underway.

"We welcome the Crown funding support, which acknowledges the work that has been underway since Crown Manager Murray Strong was appointed in December last year to assist in addressing the financial and strategic challenges facing TPP.

"We have been making good progress on our work to create a viable and sustainable business model that ensures access to tertiary education and vocational training on the West Coast. Today's funding announcement means the institution can continue to operate while we push ahead with plans for the future.

"As always, our commitment is to providing effective, sustainable and quality education and training that meets the needs of the West Coast industry and our students," he says.

Minister Goldsmith today announced TPP would get a short-term capital injection of \$3.6 million from the Crown. The funding, which is being provided on the understanding that all or part will be repaid to the Crown in the future, will ensure the Polytechnic can continue to operate and meet its financial commitments in the short-term.

Mr Robb says both the Council and TPP's management team have been working with the Crown Manager to develop a new business model that will address the future of tertiary education and vocational training on the West Coast.

"In late March, we launched a series of community meetings to talk about the work underway and seek the feedback of community leaders. We are still developing a range of options for maintaining tertiary vocational education provision on the West Coast.

"It is important to the future of the entire region that West Coasters continue to have access to relevant, quality tertiary education and vocational training in a local setting. We will work with Central Government and our local community to find a new way of working that will ensure we continue to deliver training that meets the needs of our local industry and our students."

Information about the work underway at TPP is available online at [www.tpp.ac.nz/future](http://www.tpp.ac.nz/future). Keep an eye on this web page for information about upcoming opportunities to be involved in the process.

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