

14. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE - ROTORUA

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The purpose of this report is to seek retrospective approval for Councillor attendance at the above conference.

The conference was held in Rotorua from 27-29 November 2001. Because of the timing of the conference it was not possible to obtain Council approval for elected members to attend. Given the significant role it plays in the economic development area it was considered most appropriate for this Council to have a presence at the conference.

The Mayor, Councillor Austin, Chairperson of CCHL, and Councillor Harrow, Chairperson of the Economic Development and Employment Subcommittee, represented the Council on this occasion.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the action taken be confirmed.
 2. That a letter be forwarded to the Deputy Prime Minister congratulating him on the success of the conference.