

Background

In 2007 Papakura District Council adopted its current Economic Development Strategy.

One of the key recommendations in the Strategy is to provide further capacity for local employment and business growth.

The Strategy suggests the establishment of a construction cluster in the Drury area to build on the District's strength in quarrying and related construction activities.

This business area could also create a nucleus around which to focus construction related education, research and training.

Stevenson has been working with Franklin and Papakura District Councils to assess the possibility of such an initiative.

Stevenson also sees the project as helping to facilitate better access routes to the quarry and establishing new land uses in the area that are compatible with the quarry operation.

Preliminary analysis undertaken during 2008 suggests that the project aligns with the Regional Council's work on industrial land requirements and the quarry activities.

