



MEMORANDUM – COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE

TO	Hon Steven Joyce, Minister of Science and Innovation
FROM	Philippa Yasbek, Manager Science and Innovation Policy
DATE	22 February 2013
SUBJECT	AgResearch Future Footprint Interactions With Other CRIs

Minister,

You have previously asked how CRI asset investment plans are interacting with the AgResearch Future Footprint plan, both in relation to the Lincoln Hub and across the country.

Historically, the CRIs have tended to act on a no-surprises basis rather than acting as one. This means that CRIs provide a "heads-up" during the planning phase of any significant investment so that other CRIs can provide input or collaborate as appropriate. The development of innovation hubs, such as the Lincoln Hub represents a step-up in collaborative behaviour.

All the CRIs have been involved in discussions regarding the Future Footprint and the Lincoln Hub. The situation for each CRI is summarised below. The information collated is considered sensitive and commercial-in-confidence by the CRIs. Much is early thinking and options analysis and has therefore not been included in the cabinet paper.

Plant and Food Research

Plant and Food has significant exposure to Lincoln (203 FTE), Massey (123 FTE) and Hamilton (71 FTE). It is a member of the Lincoln Hub and the working group considering a food hub in Massey.

section 9(2)(b)(ii)

Landcare Research

Landcare has significant exposure to Lincoln (217 FTE), Massey (49 FTE) and Hamilton (32 FTE). It is a member of the Lincoln Hub.

section 9(2)(b)(ii)

NIWA

Approximately 130 staff are based in Hamilton, 3km from AgResearch's Ruakura campus. These premises are adjacent to Landcare Research and the University of Waikato. NIWA has discussed with AgResearch and other CRIs its potential relocation to AgResearch's Ruakura campus.

Approximately 130 staff are based in NIWA-owned premises in Riccarton, Christchurch. The
section 9(2)(b)(i)

ESR

Approximately 70 staff are based at ESR's site next to the University of Canterbury and the National Radiation Lab (17 staff) is also in Christchurch.

section 9(2)(b)(i)
section 9(2)(b)(ii)

Scion

There is no major exposure to the existing proposals since the bulk of staff work in Rotorua. There are no plans to significantly change the current staff and asset configuration.

There is, however, 25 staff based at the University of Canterbury's Forestry School.
section 9(2)(b)(ii)

GNS

There is no significant exposure to the programmes
section 9(2)(b)(ii)

section 9(2)(b)(ii)

Callaghan Innovation (non-CRI)

There is currently only a small number of staff based in Christchurch.