

# Tereora College Redevelopment Plan

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## “LANDHOLDINGS LTD AWARDED STAGE 1 CONTRACTS”

Local construction company, Landholdings Ltd, was today awarded the Contract to construct the new Technology building and Student Centre at Tereora College. The signing of the contract between Landholdings Ltd and the Cook Islands Investment Corporation (CIIC) is yet another milestone on the path towards providing better learning opportunities. Landholding’s Ltd success in winning this tender also demonstrates the growing capability of local contractors to compete against some of the most renowned international construction companies.

“The signing of the contract is great news,” said His Excellency, Nick Hurley, the New Zealand High Commissioner to the Cook Islands. “We can now really get on with the construction,” he commented. “The speed with which the project has gone through all the preparatory phases - the master plan consultations, designing and planning, environmental and social assessments and the tender process - is a remarkable achievement. It reflects well on the commitment of all the partners to realising the plan announced by Prime Minister Rt Hon John Key in August 2015.

“I’m also really pleased,” he said, “to see that the work will be completed by a local company as this demonstrates the growing capability of the Cook Islands, and the private sector in particular, to undertake major projects.”

The Hon Mark Brown, Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for CIIC, echoed the High Commissioner’s words and said that government would like to see similar progress being made in all major infrastructure projects. Minister Brown was especially pleased with the performance of CIIC’s Special Projects Unit in leading the project and confirmed government’s commitment to develop the private sector through its infrastructure investments.

Since its establishment in 1993, Landholdings Ltd has been a key player in the Cook Islands construction industry. It is the largest local building contractor, with over 60 employees and contract workers. Some of the most recent Government building projects completed by Landholdings Ltd are the Te Aponga Uira power station upgrades and the Cyclone Management Centre in Pukapuka. Managing Director and owner Mr Bill Doherty has over 50 years of experience in the industry.

The company’s philosophy for the first stage of Tereora College’s redevelopment is the inclusion of as many Cook Islanders, trades and service providers as possible and to harness their local knowledge and expertise. Mr Doherty expressed his desire to support the local economy through the use of local services and subcontractors. These include Construction Manager James Atera, Steve Anderson of Andersons Electrical, Moana Bates of Raro Plumbing, and Conrad Hunter of Raro Welding. The majority of the materials required for the project will be sourced through local suppliers.

The project remains on track for construction to commence as soon as the school term ends in December. Early works will begin in the October holidays with Landholdings Ltd commencing some demolition and earth works. The public are encouraged to visit and ‘like’ the project’s Facebook page (Tereora College Redevelopment Project) for images and updates of progress.

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