# **Statement of Intent**

## Quayside Holdings Limited, Subsidiaries, and Joint Ventures



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## Introduction

The Local Government Act 2002 section 64(1) requires all Council-Controlled Organisations to annually prepare a Statement of Intent. The content of a Statement of Intent must adhere to the Local Government Act 2002 schedule 8.

Quayside Holdings Limited is a Council-Controlled Organisation, itself being a 100% subsidiary of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. This Statement of Intent also incorporates the nature, scope, activities, and performance targets of subsidiaries of Quayside Holdings Limited, namely Quayside Securities Limited (100%), Quayside Unit Trust (100%), Quayside Investment Trust (100%), and Quayside Properties Limited (100%) and joint ventures.

Port of Tauranga Limited is a 54.14% subsidiary of Quayside Securities Limited (as trustee). The Port of Tauranga Limited is not a Council-Controlled Organisation and therefore is not required to produce a Statement of Intent. This Statement of Intent does however include the governance objectives of Quayside Securities Limited (as a majority holder) as it relates to the Port of Tauranga Limited. The investment in the Port of Tauranga Limited is included where reference is made to consolidated financial positions.

The structure of the Quayside Group is as follows:



The Local Government Act 2002 requires a draft of the 2018 / 2019 Statement of Intent to be submitted by 1 March 2018, with final submission by 30 June 2018.

This Statement of Intent is for Quayside Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries for the year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, with dividend forecasts to 30 June 2021.

#### Terms

Throughout this document the following terms have been applied

"CCO" being a Council-Controlled Organisation as defined by the Local Government Act 2002 Part 5

"CCTO" being a Council-Controlled Trading Organisation as defined by the Local Government Act 2002 Part 5

"Council" being Bay of Plenty Regional Council, 100% shareholder of Quayside Holdings Limited

"GAAP" being generally accepted accounting practice according to the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

"Group" being Quayside Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries

"**IFRS**" being the International Financial Reporting Standards as applied in New Zealand and required to be adhered to under New Zealand Company and financial reporting legislation

"Infrastructure Assets" being direct investment in commercial return regional infrastructure including (but not exclusively) water, energy, communications, transport, land and buildings "Investments Assets" being tradable securities, direct investments, and cash held by Quayside Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, but excluding shares held in the Port of Tauranga Limited "Joint Ventures" being Huakiwi Services Limited, an entity 50% owned by Quayside Holdings Limited.

"NZDX" being the NZX Debt Market, part of the New Zealand Stock Exchange ('NZX')

"PIE" being short for Portfolio Investment Entity, a tax status for investment vehicles and applied by Quayside Investments Limited

"**Port**" being Port of Tauranga Limited, a listed company on the New Zealand Stock Exchange. Quayside Securities Limited is 54.14% holder of the Port as at 31 December 2017

"**PPS**" being 200,000,783 non-voting \$1 Perpetual Preference Shares issued by Quayside Holdings Limited on 12 March 2008 and listed on the New Zealand Debt Exchange from 13 March 2008

**"QIT"** being Quayside Investments Trust, a PIE unit trust investment vehicle, established in 2014, being 100% owned by Quayside Holdings Limited

"**QHL**" being Quayside Holdings Limited, established as a Council-Controlled Organisation ('CCO'). Quayside Holdings Limited is a 100% subsidiary of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and an issuer on the New Zealand Debt Exchange

"**QPL**" being Quayside Properties Limited, established as a Council-Controlled Trading Organisation ('CCTO'). Quayside Properties Limited is a 100% subsidiary of Quayside Holdings Limited

"QSL" being Quayside Securities Limited, established as a Council-Controlled Organisation ('CCO'). Quayside Securities Limited is a 100% subsidiary of Quayside Holdings Limited, and trustee of Quayside Investments Limited, a PIE and Quayside Unit Trust, including being trustee of a 54.14% shareholding in the Port of Tauranga Limited

"QUT" being Quayside Unit Trust, a unit trust and investment vehicle owned by Quayside Holdings Limited and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council

"Region" being the jurisdiction of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council

## **Vision of the Group**

Quayside's vision is to provide long term financial security to its shareholder, the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, through a diversified investment portfolio and through ensuring the POTL shareholding is managed in an effective and commercial manner.

## **Objectives of the Group**

Quayside Holdings Limited and subsidiaries QSL and QUT were established in 1991 when QSL commercially acquired a majority interest in the Port of Tauranga Limited from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. Quayside Properties Limited was established in 2003. Quayside Investment Trust was established in 2014.

The group objectives are

- To be an effective cornerstone shareholder, allowing the Port of Tauranga Limited (or any other subsidiary) to perform as an independent commercial company through the effective separation of Council and Port responsibilities,
- To enable the Council to undertake commercial and investment activities in accord with the Local Government Act 2002,
- To act as a responsible commercially focused investor and manager, targeting long term commercial returns, delivering growth and income,
- To provide Council with a consistent, sustainable, inflation proof intergenerational revenue stream through annual distributions,
- To access additional commercial expertise through the appointment of independent directors,
- To provide appropriate access to efficient funding, for the benefit of the Region,
- Seek and or where requested by Council identify, analyse, implement and or manage new commercial opportunities,
- To work openly with the Council to provide regional benefit,
- To ensure open dialogue exists between the Group and the Council,
- To comply with all relevant legislation as both a CCO and an issuer on the debt exchange of the NZX.

## Governance

This section outlines the responsibilities and selection criteria of the QHL Board of Directors.

#### **Role and Appointment of the Board**

The Board of QHL is appointed by the Council in accord with the Council policy "Policy for the Appointment and Remuneration of Directors to the Board of Council Subsidiaries (June 2014)". The policy targets the Board of Quayside consist of an equal number of Council (currently three, being the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Chief Executive Officer and two elected members) and independent Board members. Under this same policy, Council will set a total remuneration pool for Directors of Quayside Holdings, and its subsidiaries Quayside Securities Limited and Quayside Properties Limited. At the time of writing the Board of Quayside consists of seven members of whom four are independent.

Appointment to the Board of subsidiary organisations is the responsibility of the Board of QHL. In respect of appointment to the Board of the Port, this is determined by the Board of QSL as trustee. One appointee to the Board of the Port is currently a Councillor, recommended to QSL by the Council. A second appointee will be an independent Director of QSL.

Appointment of investor representatives onto Joint Ventures boards is the responsibility of the Board.

All Directors of the Group have and must apply skills, knowledge and experience in the best interests of the Group, be committed to high quality governance, and assist the Group to meet its objectives and the requirements of this Statement of Intent.

The Board is responsible for the appointment and performance monitoring of the Chief Executive of the Group.

## **Committees and Policies**

The Audit Committee assists in the oversight of regulatory and financial reporting compliance, external audit processes, internal audit, and financial controls. The committee is responsible for assessing and monitoring the business and commercial risks of the Group. A full description of the Audit Committee composition and duties is contained in the Audit Committee Charter.

The Remuneration Committee objective is to assist the Board in all aspects of the CEO remuneration policy and statutory compliance in respect of both officers and directors. A full description of the committee purpose is set out in the Remuneration Committee charter.

Delegated Authority policies have been put in place to enable the Chief Executive of the Group to manage the day to day activities of the group. The Board in conjunction with the Chief Executive will determine and monitor the levels of support staff and consultancy services required to achieve the objectives of the Group as outlined in this Statement of Intent.

Charters and Policies are to be reviewed on a no less than biennial basis.

## Nature and Scope of Group Activities

The Group undertakes activities through a holding company (QHL), wholly owned subsidiaries (QUT, QIT, QSL, and QPL), joint ventures, and a majority interest in the Port of Tauranga Limited.

Core Activities are

Port Investments	\$1,820m at 31 December 2017
Port Portfolio:	Majority ownership of the Port of Tauranga. Monitor financial performance, peer relative performance, and corporate governance.
Non Port Investments	\$243m at 31 December 2017
Investment Portfolio:	Generation of commercial returns and an income stream through a diversified share investment portfolio.
Infrastructure Portfolio:	Targeting long term commercial returns through the investment and or management of Infrastructure assets (including property) across the Region.
Commercial Ventures:	Targeting long term commercial returns through the investment and or management of new and existing Commercial Ventures and joint ventures, both regional and national.
Debt Management	\$48m liabilities plus \$200m Perpetual Shareholders at 31 December 2017
Treasury Portfolio:	Targeting both cash and tax efficient management of cash and borrowings to the benefit of Quayside and the wider Group.
Governance:	Ensure that the Group manages Council assets in a commercially responsible manner. Ensure that the legislative compliance is achieved as both a CCO and NZX listed entity. Ensuring open dialogue occurs between the Group and Council.

## **Ratio of Shareholder Funds to Total Assets**

GROUP CONSOLIDATED (IFRS)	2017	2018	2019
Assets (\$000's)	1,640,533	1,674,438	1,759,217
Liabilities (\$000's)	549,763	575,613	575,613
Shareholder Funds (\$000's)	1,090,770	1,098,825	1,183,604
Shareholder Funds to Assets	66.49%	65.62%	67.28%

The figures above are all reflective of 30 June positions for their respective years. The 2017 position is an actual, 2018 is forecast based on a 31 December 2017 actual, and 2019 is forecast based on current asset holdings and valuation plus retained earnings. Shareholder Funds is inclusive of PPS shareholders and minority interests in the Port of Tauranga.

QUAYSIDE GROUP (Market Value)	2017	2018	2019
Assets (\$000's)	1,853,796	2,063,572	2,100,081
Liabilities (\$000's)	59,105	48,289	48,289
Shareholder - PPS (\$000's)	200,000	200,000	200,000
Shareholder - Council (\$000's)	1,594,691	1,815,283	1,851,792
Council Shareholder Funds to Assets	86.02%	87.97%	88.18%

The figures above are all reflective of 30 June positions for their respective years. The 2017 position is an actual, 2018 is forecast based on a 31 December 2017 actual, and 2019 is forecast based on current market valuation plus retained earnings. Positions are reflective of the market price of the investments of the Quayside Group.

## **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (NZ GAAP). They comply with the New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS), and other applicable financial reporting standards as appropriate for profit-oriented entities. The financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the Companies Act 1993, the Local Government Act 2002 and is a Tier 1 reporting entity under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. A full set of accounting policies are available on request, or via the QHL Annual Report as published to the company's website.

## **Performance Targets**

Performance targets are effective for the year represented by this Statement of Intent. Target measures will therefore be assessed in full on or after 30 June 2019. The Group will keep Council informed during the year of progress against performance targets on a no surprises basis.

#### **Port Portfolio**

	Objective	Measure
1.	Maintain a majority holding in the Port	Holding of greater than 51%
	of Tauranga Limited	

#### **Investment Portfolio**

	Objective	Measure
1.	Generate commercial returns across the Investment Portfolio	Five year rolling gross return of >= 7.5% per annum
2.	Adherence to industry standards including responsible investing	Management and monitoring of investment portfolio against Quayside SIPO and Responsible
		Investment frameworks

### **Infrastructure Portfolio**

	Objective	Measure
1.	Generate long term commercial returns	Annual Board assessment of benefit of each
	and or regional benefit through a	asset holding
	portfolio of Infrastructure Assets	

#### **Commercial Ventures**

	Objective	Measure	
1. Generate long term commercial returns			
	and or regional benefit through a	asset holding, considering portfolio alignment,	
	portfolio of Commercial Assets	long term commercial return and any regional	
		benefit factors.	

#### Governance

	Objective	Measure
1.	Keep Council informed on a no surprises basis, providing quality and timely information	A minimum of four presentations to Council shareholders per annum plus timely advice and support as required
2.	Ensure Group Policies and Procedures are current and appropriate	All Policies and Procedures to be reviewed no less than biennially
3.	Meet Shareholders distribution expectations as outlined in SOI or as otherwise agreed.	Distributions paid to agreed values
4.	Compliance with NZX listing requirements for PPS holders	No open issues

## **Distribution to Shareholders**

#### **Distributions to Council**

	2019	2020	2021
Distribution (\$000's)	31,200	32,100	33,100

The figures above are all reflective of the cash distribution in the year to 30 June for their respective years.

The distribution is intended to be paid from operating cash flow of the Group after payments to PPS holders. The level of distribution to Council has been made in consultation with Council. This distribution model allows the Group to retain long term capital growth to cover inflation and population growth.

Special distributions received by Quayside are separately considered on an as agreed basis between Quayside and Council in accord with Quayside Distribution and Reserving Policy.

#### **Distributions to PPS Holders**

	2019	2020	2021
Distribution (\$000's)	8,640	9,112	10,527

The dates above are all reflective of gross distributions in the year to 30 June. The distribution reflects the fully imputed (at 28%) distribution to unit holders of the PPS, and is inclusive of 5% Resident Withholding Tax (RWT). The distribution rate was reset for a three-year period on March 13th 2017 according to the methodology prescribed in the PPS Prospectus at 4.32%. The next reset rate occurs on March 12th 2020, which has been forecast at 5.26%. A further reset will occur in 2023.

## **Reporting to Shareholders**

## **Annual and Interim Financials**

The Group will provide full year audited financial results with commentary to Council and the NZX (for PPS holders) within 90 calendar days of year end (approximately end of September). Unaudited interim results with commentary will be provided within sixty calendar days of the end of the first half of the year (approximately end of February). This is a requirement of Quayside as a CCO under the Local Government Act 2002, and as an issuer under the listing rules for the NZX (for PPS holders).

The Group (Directors and Executive Officers) will make a formal presentation of financials to Council twice a year (dates likely in March and November).

These presentations focus on presenting the financial performance of the Group against budget. Group Financials will be presented in full with specific focus on

- Performance of the Port Portfolio
- Performance of the Investment Portfolio
- Performance of the Infrastructure Portfolio
- Performance of Commercial Ventures
- Corporate Governance
- Dividend Payments to Shareholders

#### **Group Updates**

The Group is also to provide Council with updates on an as requested basis. The Group will make additional presentations to Council on an as requested basis.

All presentations to Council, whether updates or presentation of financials will provide the Group an opportunity to disclose performance year to date against stated performance targets in this Statement of Intent.

#### **No Surprises**

The Group operate on a "no surprises" basis with its parent shareholder, the Council. The Group will look to advise the Council early of any material departure from the Statement of Intent at the soonest practical opportunity.

## Acquisition and or Disposal of Shares and Other Investments

#### **Holding Companies**

The structure of the Group as illustrated in the Introduction section of this Statement of Intent can be changed via resolution of the Board and advised to Council.

Any change in structure shall give due consideration to protecting the investment of the shareholder, protecting the groups strategic investments, and protecting the value of future forecast distributions to shareholders.

Where a change in structure requires new Directors or a recommended change in Directors remuneration, Quayside will advise Council on a "no surprises" basis.

## **Perpetual Preference Shares (PPS)**

The issuance and rules for any amendment to the number of units issued to PPS unit holders will be in accord with the Investment Statement and Prospectus document of 31 January 2008. The Group may, where commercially viable and in accord with NZDX rules, purchase on the open market (and cancel) shares issued to PPS unit holders.

The PPS units are subject to a rate reset during the period of this Statement of Intent. Quayside will inform the market of this rate on 12 March 2020.

#### Port of Tauranga Limited

A majority holding of the Port will continue to be held by the Group. The Group can only sell below 51% with the approval of the Council. The current shareholding in the Port is 54.14% held by QSL.

#### **Investment Assets**

The Group seeks commercial return and an income stream through shareholdings in external companies as traded on various exchanges, being Investment Assets. The Group is entitled to acquire and dispose of Investment Assets without prior consent of the Council, except where that transaction shall be deemed a major transaction under the provisions of the Companies Act 1993 section 129 (2).

Management of Investment Assets is governed by a Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO). The SIPO is a live document, last updated by Board resolution 23 December 2016, and is available upon request.

The Group has adopted a policy on Responsible Investments in relation to market traded share investments.

## **Activities for Which Compensation is Sought**

There are no activities for which compensation is sought by the Group from the Council.

The Council does hold a contingent liability in respect of uncalled Redeemable Preference Shares in QHL. The amount available to be called is limited to \$81.8 million. There is no current intention or obligation requiring this capital to be called.

## **Commercial Valuation of Council Investment**

	2017	2018	2019
Council Investment (\$000's)	1,594,691	1,815,283	1,851,792

The figures above are all reflective of 30 June positions for their respective years. The 2017 position is an actual, 2018 is forecast based on 31 December 2017 actuals, and 2019 is forecast.

Council Investment will be the market value of shares held in the Port, together with the value of any other investments, less liabilities of the Group, and less the value attributable to PPS holders.

For the purpose of the forecast position above, the PPS has been valued at \$200m. This may be greater should the market value of the PPS on the NZDX be at a price of greater than \$1.00 per share held.

### **Other Matters**

There are no matters other than those set out above.

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