

PSA Affected Business Assistance

PSA is having an increasingly serious impact on the BOP business community. The Chamber of Commerce offers a range of services that can assist affected businesses, and these are listed below.

However the best starting point is to ask affected businesses **what they need, and what they don't need.**

Services available:

Smart Economy Business Advisor

This is a complimentary service through the Smart Economy Strategy for an initial assessment of the business and from there referred onto an appropriate service.

Mentors

A business mentor provides a fresh perspective and can help a business owner take a step back and see 'the bigger picture'. This is particularly useful in times of stress or when things are not going well. Our mentors share their ideas and expertise from a business perspective one-on-one, over a series of meetings.

Mentoring is provided in a voluntary capacity by experienced business people. There is a \$100 registration fee.

Regional Business Advisor

The advisor assesses your business and is able to provide you with a 50% subsidy for suitable training courses and professional coaching. In addition will offer good practical advice on your business based on considerable business experience.

Training Programme

In addition to our existing training programmes which offers 60 courses per annum we are specifically designing material for businesses in stress from the Rena grounding and PSA.

Website and other resources

Please see our website www.tauranga.org.nz for a range of fact sheets and other information useful for business owners who are facing difficult times. One of these is a Crisis Recovery Manual developed in Canterbury following the earthquakes. We are developing one specifically for PSA affected businesses.

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