

Rena Business Assistance

The Chamber has worked to secure a subsidy for the worst affected businesses by the Rena grounding, and has acted in a co-ordinating, liaison, advisory, and communications role, which includes many businesses offer assistance which will be matched with those needing support.

The Chamber has reviewed its role and has come up with some proactive measures to assist businesses through our existing structures.

As part of the Chamber core functions we run these services:

- Smart Economy Business Advisor (SEBA)
- Mentors
- Regional Partnership

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

Business Mentors New Zealand mentors share their ideas and expertise from a business perspective one-one-one. The service is confidential and provided to small businesses that are trading, and is the owner's primary source of income with less than 25 employees.

For those Rena affected businesses, the \$100 registration fee will be waived. Mentoring is provided in a voluntary capacity by experienced business people.

Regional Partnership

Regional Partnership advisor assesses your business and will direct you to suitable training courses, advisors, information and other public and private services that meet your particular development needs.

Training Programme

Short courses specifically designed for businesses in stress from organisations such as: KPMG, Westpac, and Cooney Lees Morgan

Through these core functions of advice and support the Chamber can offer immediate business assistance.

The Chamber will have an initial complimentary meeting with the SEBA who will do an assessment and direct the business to any of the above services. The assessment will cover some of the issues listed below and any other they may arise.

- Cashflow
- What if's
- Staff issues
- Tax issues – IRD

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