

To all our newsletter recipients

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF

THE BUSINESSCARE NATIONAL TRUST

Creating a long term future for BusinessCare

In order to give us ample time to consolidate our position well before the expiry of the Ministry for the Environment's funding in a year's time, BusinessCare is undergoing a restructuring. The change will enable us to continue to deliver our website, newsletter, training and support services in the context of a new long-term partnership.

As you know, the BusinessCare programme was fortunate enough to receive three years funding from the Sustainable Management Fund administered by the Ministry. This was an unusual move for the Ministry, because usually it funds one-off projects rather than long term programmes. In acknowledgment of this, BusinessCare undertook as part of our contract to develop alternative funding options by the end of the grant period.

To ensure our long-term viability, BusinessCare's various stakeholders agree on the need to clarify our future well before the Ministry's funding period ends. We are in discussions with another organisation with a view to forming a long-term partnership, and are restructuring in order to facilitate the transition. We expect to announce our new partnership in a few weeks time.

However, this has been a difficult decision, because the restructuring means we will not be keeping on our staff, Peter Crosland, National Co-ordinator, and Pamela George, Information and Administration Officer. Without their genuine commitment and enthusiasm, BusinessCare would not be where it is today.

The BusinessCare trustees would like to take this opportunity to warmly acknowledge our staff. We are sorry to see them go, and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Our service delivery will continue, and Pamela George will be maintaining the BusinessCare's national office in Wellington over the period of the negotiations, restructuring and transition to the new partnership. Pamela and the Board of trustees will continue to remain accessible by phone, fax and email until new contact details can be released.

The Board wishes to thank you for your interest in our endeavours to date and we look forward to keeping you up to date with business sustainability in the future.

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Yours faithfully

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