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**Rt Hon Winston Peters**

### **NEW ZEALAND FIRST DELIVERS FOR TAURANGA REGION**

"New Zealand First has ensured that its campaign promises to the people of Tauranga have been kept as part of its supply and confidence agreement with the new government said the Rt Hon Winston Peters.

"As a result of our negotiations, the harbour link will be designated a fully funded state highway. We campaigned hard on this and it will be delivered. We were the only party that was actually able to translate this promise into a reality and we have.

"In addition to the bridge, we have ensured that a significant injection into eldercare will be delivered in the 2006 Budget and that 1000 extra police will be recruited over the next three years. We have as part of our agreement the intention to make our company tax competitive with Australia and to have in place 2007 an 'export year', with a major focus on this aspect of our economy.

"While some might ask why we have made such concessions for the people of Tauranga, all we can say is that we have kept the promises we made during the campaign - and we will be the only ones to do so in Tauranga," concluded Mr Peters.

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