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Chamber moves to the heart of the region's innovation engine

The Waikato Chamber of Commerce will relocate to Waikato Innovation Park at the end of September, placing the region's largest business network inside the Waikato's fastest-growing hub for innovation, research and enterprise.

The move puts the Chamber alongside dozens of innovation-led businesses at the Park, part of the wider Knowledge Zone that includes the University of Waikato and the AgResearch Ruakura campus, and next door to the Ruakura Superhub, one of the largest industrial and logistics developments underway in New Zealand.

Chamber chief executive Don Good said the move put the Chamber where the region's growth is happening and made the team easier to reach for a membership that spans the Waikato region.

"Innovation is not a slogan for the Waikato, it's what the region actually does," Good said. "It is happening in agritech, in food and fibre, in logistics, in energy and in the digital sector, and a great deal of it is happening within a few hundred metres of our new front door. Being based at Waikato Innovation Park puts the Chamber in the room where that work is going on every day."

"Our members are spread right across the Waikato, from Te Kūiti to Huntly, Raglan to Matamata. The Park sits near the Waikato Expressway – a project the Chamber campaigned for over many years – and is minutes from Hamilton Airport, Ruakura and the University."

The Chamber will leave Union Square after two years in Building E.

"We want to sincerely thank Fosters. Union Square is a superb development and a genuine credit to Hamilton. It has raised the bar for commercial space in this city, and we have loved being part of it," Good said.

“The team there has looked after us exceptionally well, and we have made real friendships among the businesses in those buildings. We will be back at Union Square often, and we look forward to continuing to work alongside everyone there.”

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