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Tēnā koe e Ngārimu

TONO FOR TE RŪNANGA SUPPORT FOR ORAKEI OPPOSITION TO THE EAST-WEST LINK – TE PAPAPA/ONEHUNGA

I refer to your email dated 18 July 2017 sent to Deputy Chair, Naida Glavish and apologise for the delay in our response.

This matter was considered at the Trustees' Board meeting held on 21 July 2017. Key points of the considerations taken were as follows:

- Te Rūnanga engaged with Auckland Transport [AT] in 2013 on the East West Modal Link Project [EWL];
- Within months of this initial engagement the project lead changed to the New Zealand Transport Agency [NZTA] with the Rūnanga engagement continuing through two Project Work Groups [PWG] - one based around the Mangere Inlet the other starting with the concept then on to design options for the EWL;
- The ensuing two years or so focussed on one PWG engaged on concept and design options;
- Timeframes for submissions on the EWL restricted time to consider key matters on sources of material as well as the finished height of the outer edge of the proposed option; and,
- Te Rūnanga did submit with a neutral conclusion based upon those aspects outlined above that will remain.

Given this context Te Rūnanga supports the expression by Ōrākei of any formal position on this same project currently before a Board of Enquiry established by the Environmental Protection Agency.

We wish you well in these endeavours.

Kāti ake

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