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By email

Daran Ponter Chair, Greater Wellington Regional Council

Rachel Keedwell Chair, Horizons Regional Council

Tēnā koe Daran and Rachel

RE Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility (LNIRIM) Funding Announcement

Thank you for your letter regarding the above and congratulations on successfully securing commitment to investment in versatile replacement rolling stock.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this procurement with the associated benefits of scale that would bring. At present, however, it is unlikely that the vehicles specified would meet the requirements for current or future Auckland Metro operations. We are also currently progressing our own expansion of the Auckland Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) fleet through the procurement of a further 23 trains. Therefore, we are not in a position to join your process.

We would be happy to support your process as resources allow and I have asked a member of our rolling stock team to get in touch with Rhys. Our recent experience of rolling stock specification, procurement and delivery may also be of use.

Kind regards

Wayne Donnelly

Acting Chair, Auckland Transport

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