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Dear Michael

Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange Wellington

The Wellington Regional Council's Passenger Transport Committee met on 6 August 2001 and considered your Board's offer of financial assistance to the Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange (letter reference 789-01). Like the Auckland Regional Council, the Committee is not happy with the conditions placed on your Board's contribution to the Interchange. The Committee resolved to seek a meeting with the Transfund New Zealand Board to discuss the matter further in the hope of reaching a more acceptable outcome. The Committee also resolved to write to the Minister of Transport, Mark Gosche, to seek his assistance and support.

The main concerns of the Passenger Transport Committee are:

- The project qualified for funding as an ATR project and there is no reference under ATR procedures to Transfund clawing back future patronage growth funding
- The level of Transfund New Zealand support for the project is less overall since the introduction of patronage funding which appears contrary to the stated purpose of the patronage funding scheme
- The Transfund Board has treated the funding of the Waitemata Waterfront Interchange in a different arbitrary manner
- No recognition has been made of the fact that the project is primarily a refurbishment of existing infrastructure and the need to incorporate this element in the baseline level of funding for the region and not treat it all as a new project

I therefore request an opportunity for myself and the Committee's deputy chair, Cr Turver, to meet with you and your Board. In the meantime construction of the Lambton project has ceased and will not be restarted until this funding issue has been resolved.

Yours faithfully

CR TERRY MCDAVITT
Chairperson, Passenger Transport Committee