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SH 2 : WAIOHINE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

I am writing to you in regards to the Waiohine Bridge replacement project that Transit NZ is currently investigating.

The Waiohine Bridge is located on State Highway 2, between Carterton and Greytown, and carries state highway traffic over the Waiohine River. The project investigates the replacement of the existing Waiohine Bridge (locally known as Black Bridge, due to the narrowness of the deck). The Wellington Regional Council have indicated their support for a new 95m bridge with 600m freeboard, upstream.

The project is currently not progressing due to Transit's funding limitations, as the benefit cost ratio of the project, currently at BCR 3.5, does not permit further works by Transit, in the near future.

It was suggested during a Hill Road Committee meeting that the Wellington Regional Council may wish to contribute to the project costs of building this bridge, as there is benefits to the waterways as well as the road users. The suggestion was the funds saved in maintaining the Applebarrel Floodway, could be contributed to the project costs of the bridge, to enable the bridge to be built, and the Council's adjacent waterways works to begin.

The preferred 95m long bridge, with 600m freeboard, was favoured by the Council, as it satisfied the predicted water capacity requirements of the waterway, following the Council's planned adjacent works.

To satisfy the road users, Transit would need to replace the existing bridge, realigning and widening it, without altering the waterway capacity. The additional benefits of the longer bridge, therefore, are waterway benefits.

Estimated cost of a new bridge 75m in length, to replace existing	\$2.2141
Estimated cost of the preferred bridge (95m)	\$2.5M

Would you be able to indicate whether the Council is interested in contributing funds to the construction of a new 95m Waiohine Bridge.

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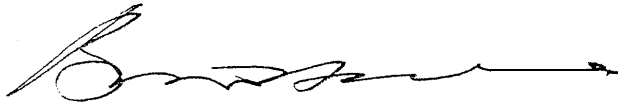
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Transit is eager to continue with this project to enable the benefits from it to flow onto both the road users and parties affected by the reduced waterway, but is unable to continue with the project, at this time, due to funding restrictions.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me, or the Project Manager Jonnette Adams.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Hasell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Hasell
REGIONAL MANAGER