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Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2023 5:16 pm

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**Subject:** FW: URGENT: Supporting Growth - Lodgment - Strategic

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Sent: Tuesday, 24 January 2023 10:31 AM

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Subject: RE: URGENT: Supporting Growth - Lodgment - Strategic

## Hi Todd

I have completed a preliminary review of the responses to the transport matters raised in my soft lodgement further information requests for the strategic projects.

First, I have a question. The strategic NORs have not been lodged as a package, but appear to have been lodged as six separate NORs, each with a separate Form 18.

Does this mean that the SGA has to show that each of the six individual project is reasonably necessary in its own right, rather than as a package?

I ask this because as far as I can see no work has been done on how the transport system would perform if individual components were excluded.

Also, I don't understand why there are separate NORs for the rapid transit corridor, and each station, when each of these 3 components makes no sense unless the other two are included.

In terms of identifying if any information not provided is necessary/critical, I have looked at this in two ways:

- 1. is the missing information necessary/critical to determine if the project is reasonably necessary?
- 2. Is the missing information necessary/critical in the understanding of the effects and how these will be mitigated?

## Is the missing information necessary/critical to determine if the project is reasonably necessary?

Despite MSM, Saturn and SIDRA modelling being undertaken, the NOR AEE and assessment of transport effects and assessment of alternatives have almost no quantified information to show the projects are reasonably necessary. Figure 4.2 on page 34 of the Assessment of Transport Effects shows percentages predicted to result from the total package of projects. But without quantifying how bad things might be without the projects, it's hard to say if a 2%, 5%, 22% or 41% etc. improvement is actually necessary.

Appendix 2 of the Assessment of Transport Effects provides overall level of service for key intersections, and average delay, but does not clarify what the travel time will be to get through Kumeu and Huapai with and without the project, or what the delay will be to traffic seeking to enter the existing and ASH, so it is still unclear what the traffic effects will be.

Is the missing information necessary/critical in the understanding of the effects and how these will be mitigated? No modelling work has been done on the effects of the staging or timing of construction. Yet Section 14.5 of the AEE indicates that "In terms of construction traffic effects, it is considered that there is sufficient network capacity to enable construction traffic", while Page 51 of the Assessment of Transport Effects suggests that should the RTC and Main Road upgrade "be delivered earlier in the staging of future growth in Kumeū-Huapai (when there is less overall transport demand) then the ASH may not be necessary in advance".

No evidence is presented to support these claims.

Table 9-7 of the AEE suggests the appropriate timing of construction of all project components is 2033-2037, while Section 9.1 (page) of the Assessment of Transport Effects advises "it is expected that short term temporary road closure for nights or weekends may be required for some specific activities"

No information is provided on the effects of the proposed timing (given that Kumeu-Huapai is already heaving congested at times) or of the effects of short term closures on weekends, when peak traffic volumes can be comparable to weekday peak traffic.

A separate issue is that the assessment against relevant AUP policy in Section 28 of the AEE still does not appear to address policies E27.2(3) and (4) (parking and loading) or E27.2(5) and (6) (pedestrian safety and the safe operation of road/rail; crossings).

These are my overarching concerns – I believe that they are substantive to my assessment of effects, and would appreciate your decision regarding whether the missing information listed above could be provided post notification.

Thanking you in anticipation

regards

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Subject: URGENT: Supporting Growth - Lodgment - Local/Strategic/HIF

Importance: High

Kia ora all,

Supporting Growth has provided the attached response regarding the **strategic soft lodgement** of further information requests. Could you please review the relevant parts of the attached response relating to your area of expertise.

A quick turnaround review is required by **Tuesday (24 January 2023)** to meet the notification mail out process critical date of 26 January 2023.

Could you please confirm the following:

- does the response adequately address the matters raised in your soft lodgement further information requests
- if not, is the information that has not been provided substantive to your assessment of effects or could it be provided post notification i.e., is it necessary/critical in the understanding of the effects and how these will be mitigated.

Note that where there are differences in opinion, this can be addressed as an outstanding matter in the hearing reports and the subsequent hearings.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if there are any issues in making this deadline.

Kia pai tō rā

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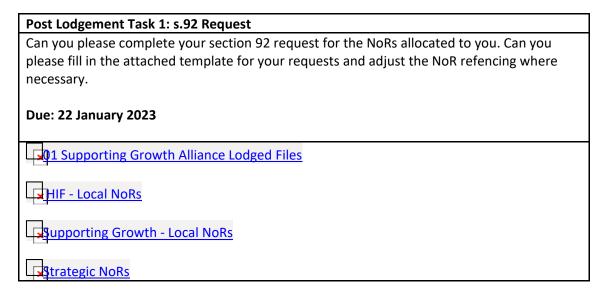
Here is an excellent email for the last working Thursday of the year! Firstly, thank you again for all the work that has been completed to date.

Supporting Growth lodged the last of the 19 NoRs yesterday afternoon. We are now at the stage of requesting further information via Section 92.

For some topics, we have had extensive pre-engagement with SGA, and hopefully, this process has reduced any requests from us.

SGA will likely provide a document that will assist the team with finding where they have addressed soft-lodgement requests. I have only received one for the HIF NoRs, but I will let you know when the other documents arrive. For the time being, we will begin this process.

On the week of 9 January 2023, I will also be in contact with those Planners that will be leading the processing for these projects.



If you are unable to meet this due date, please get in contact as soon as you can to arrange an alternative timeline. And please reach out if you have any concerns or questions.

Have a great break, and I look forward to working with you in the new year.

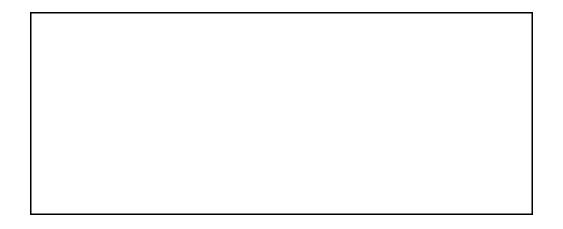
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