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Dear Penny

Lodgement of a Notice of Requirement for the Road Asset

Auckland Transport (AT) manages Auckland's roads and requires certainty to undertake its "business as usual" road maintenance, operational and improvement activities in the road corridor across the Region, in a consistent manner. To enable us to do this efficiently and effectively and in accordance with statutory requirements and the Auckland Plan, we wish to lodge a Notice of Requirement that seeks to designate Auckland's road asset in all seven sections of Auckland's Operative District Plan.

I have enclosed the Notice of Requirement, and an Assessment of Environmental Effects to support the Notice of Requirement. We believe these documents meet the requirements of the Resource Management Act and provide sufficient information on the potential adverse effects to allow Auckland Council to proceed to publicly notify it as soon as possible. We also believe that the designation will not unduly limit Network Utility Operators in their functions and right to access the road corridor.

Auckland Transport prepared the Notice of Requirement in a confidential manner to retain primary control over the road network. We have the benefit of experience from when Auckland City Council designated much of its road asset (without an appeal being lodged) and are aware of the issues that network operators will have.

While the Resource Management Act does not require pre-lodgement consultation in this type of case, we will undertake a targeted consultation programme with utility operators and interest groups to explain the reasons for the Notice of Requirement and how the proposed designation will operate.

Should you or your staff require clarification please contact Jon Kearins. His contact details are: DDI 440 7375 and email Jon.Kearins@aucklandtransport.govt.nz.

Yours faithfully

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