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Tēnā kōrua Louise Struthers and Cameron Buchanan

Wellington Ferry Terminal

You have been a part of the Ferry Terminal Steering Group investigating the options for a new multi-user ferry terminal in Wellington harbour for the last 18+ months. Thank you for your continued participation and openness.

As you know the group's work concluded in a preference for a site at Kaiwharawhara.

The two shareholding Councils in CentrePort, Greater Wellington and Horizons Regional Council, met in early April to formally support the preferred site at Kaiwharawhara. Both Councils also noted that the other sites evaluated would have a significant impact on the ability of the Port to continue its business and were not supported.

We believe that a new multi-user terminal will bring significant benefits to the region and New Zealand. The ferry services are a critical part of the national transport network and the current facilities are well past their use-by date. A multi-user solution will enable efficiencies to be gained for operators and the port and, importantly, free-up other parts of the port land for alternative uses that benefit the economy and the city.

CentrePort, as the port operator, are ready to progress the planning of a new terminal through the next stages. This includes a detailed design of a terminal and related marine facilities and will work with yourselves and KiwiRail to develop a transition plan. We acknowledge that it may not be practical for Bluebridge to consider re-location to a new site for some time, however we believe that it is important that any new facilities are future-proofed.

Making this new Wellington ferry terminal a success will require the close cooperation of all parties. Significant funding is likely to be required, both for the terminal/marine facilities and the related transport infrastructure to connect onto the State Highway. We are working closely with the



Government to ensure that we can develop an integrated solution that delivers for New Zealand. Both Greater Wellington and Horizons Regional Council are committed to delivering a successful outcome and will do whatever we can to ensure this can be achieved.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you and to working collaboratively towards a successful outcome for New Zealand.

Ngā mihi



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