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Dear Daran

Thank you for meeting with the Mayor of Wellington City Council, Hon Chris Bishop and myself on 13 December 2023 to discuss next steps for Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM), and for your cooperation on the subsequent announcement. It was a positive discussion, and we appreciate the constructive approach you have taken to the issue. I am writing to you and to Mayor Whanau to recap what we discussed.

We all agree that the LGWM programme is not meeting its objectives. Given this, and the Government's commitment not to fund work on light rail in Wellington, we also agree that disestablishing LGWM by mutual partner agreement is the best way forward. I have asked the New Zealand Transport Agency to work with you and Wellington City Council (WCC) on this.

The Government is committed to investing in Wellington's transport system, with a key focus on improving the Basin Reserve, building a second tunnel under Mt Victoria, and improved bus connectivity. I look forward to working with you to ensure those investments achieve the largest possible benefit for Wellington.

I am sure we all want to see LGWM disestablished at pace. I am asking NZTA to coordinate a response, jointly approved alongside Greater Wellington Regional Council and WCC, that outlines the three partners' views about the next actions required to give effect to this. I would appreciate this response at your earliest convenience.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me. I am happy to discuss these matters further if required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simeon Brown".

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport

cc: Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive, NZTA