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Dear Daran and Rachel

## LOWER NORTH ISLAND RAIL INTEGRATED MOBILITY (LNIRIM) PROCUREMENT

Thank you for your letter of 15 August 2025 in response to my earlier letter of 24 June 2025.

I writing to confirm that, on the basis of the information included in your letter and the mitigations you have underway and planned for the various risks and issues identified in my earlier correspondence, you may now proceed with the next stage of the LNIRIM procurement. This will enable you to enter into a contract with the preferred supplier.

I hope I am able to attend the proposed contract award ceremony on Monday 8 September and have asked my office to liaise with you directly to see whether this will be possible.

I appreciate the constructive engagement provided by both Greater Wellington Regional Council and Horizons Regional Council on the LNIRIM programme to date, and I look forward to continuing this cooperation as we work through the next phases of the programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bishop'.

Hon Chris Bishop  
**Minister of Transport**

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