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Expert panel chair

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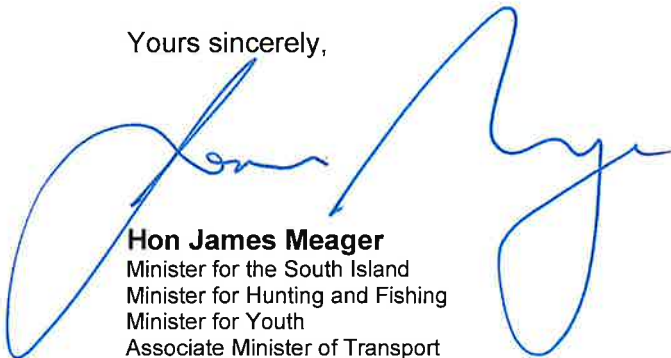
Dear Lachlan,

Thank you for your invitation to comment on this substantive application for the North West Rapid Transit project [FTAA-2511-1146] under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the North West Rapid Transit project receiving the approvals it requires subject to any conditions the panel considers appropriate. The delivery of this regionally significant infrastructure will drive economic growth and productivity, and support growth and urban development while creating more viable transport choices. It is also a joint priority of Auckland Council and the Government in the Auckland City and Regional Deal.

I have not considered the operational impacts of this project on local transport networks. However, NZTA is the applicant and is best placed to provide insights into these.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Meager', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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