

To: Minister Wood

From: Auckland Light Rail Establishment Unit Board

Meeting date: 14 October 2021

A. Purpose

This briefing sets out our concerns about the proposed approach of releasing the Indicative Business case at the end of October, ahead of consideration by Cabinet on the way forward for the CC2M project, and proposes some options for sequencing \$ 9(2)(g)(i)

B. Background

We understand that the Minister intends to release the Indicative Business Case (IBC) on Friday 29 October 2021. This would follow afternoon briefings to stakeholders/media/the Press Gallery on 28 October and would be followed by media interviews.

We are unclear on the approach for releasing the Independent Chair's report, due on 15 October, but note that the comments in this briefing note apply equally to that report.

We understand that there are two primary drivers for release; for reasons of transparency and to gauge public opinion ahead of Cabinet's consideration.









We understand that the Ministry of Transport is providing separate advice on the implications for the timing of Cabinet decisions.

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