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27<sup>th</sup> June 2001

Mr Stuart Clayton  
Wellington Regional Council  
P.O. Box 11646  
WELLINGTON

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FILE REF:	
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NAME	Int/Date
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TO ACTION:	

Dear Stuart,

BAY EXPRESS

I am writing to **advise** that a meeting has **been** arranged with Mr Don Gibson, Managing Director of West Coast Railway, to **discuss** the future of the 'Bay Express' tourist train.

The meeting will be held as follows:-

- Date: Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2001
- Time: 12 noon (*light luncheon served, followed by a private Strategy session, prior to a meeting with Mr Don Gibson at 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.*)
- Venue: Council Chamber, situated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Napier City Council Civic Building, Hastings Street, Napier

As you will see by the attached address list, significant stakeholders such as the Union, regional tourism organisations and significant tourist facility operators have been included, as well as territorial, regional Councils and Members of Parliament along the Bay Express route. The list, of course, is not exhaustive, because it does not include R.T.O.'s, major operators or MP's outside of the Hawkes Bay region.

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FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE

Accordingly, Mayors or Chairmen of the more southern Councils are invited to involve such parties as they feel appropriate. However, I am conscious that numbers need to be kept to a reasonable size and so it may be appropriate in some instances for one person to represent more than one local authority and/or other stakeholder groups in their geographic region.

***Please RSVP to my Personal Assistant, Mrs Sandra Svendsen on either:  
☎06-8357579, Extension 8703, or e-mail [svendsen@napier.govt.nz](mailto:svendsen@napier.govt.nz)  
by Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2001.***

Information obtained to date indicates that for the Bay Express operation to be viable, around \$300,000 per annum of extra revenue needs to be generated. That, in my view, should be quite attainable, backed up by promotion and usage encouragement from the R.T.O.'s and Councils etc.

In the meantime, I have contacted the Tranz Rail Managing Director, Mr Michael Beard, seeking financial and other information relating to the Bay Express operation which, if they are willing to provide, could be the basis of the building of our business case. Any information I can obtain I will circulate to those organisations who indicate their attendance at the meeting. Likewise, I would appreciate the receipt of any pertinent information held or obtained by others for either prior circulation or discussion at the Strategy Session on the 9<sup>th</sup> July.

I trust that you approve of the need for a lead to be taken urgently in this matter-hence my co-ordinating initiative.

Yours sincerely,



ALAN DICK  
MAYOR

Title	FirstName	LastName	Company	Address1	City
<b>East Coast Leaders Group:</b>					
Mr	Ross	Bramwell	Hawkes Bay Regional Council	Private Bag 6006	NAPIER
Mayor	John	Clarke	Gisborne District Council	P.O. Box 747	GISBORNE
Mayor	Jeremy	Dwyer	Hastings District Council	Private Bag 9002	HASTINGS
Mayor	Derek	Fox	Waioa District Council	P.O. Box 54	WAIROA
Mayor	Hamish	Kynoch	Central HB District Council	P.O. Box 127	WAIPAWA
Mrs	Donna	Awatere-Huata MP	Electorate Office	P.O. Box 1290	HASTINGS
Mr	Rick	Barker MP	Electorate Office	P.O. Box 1245	HASTINGS
Mr	Geoff	Braybrooke MP	Electorate Office	P.O. Box 755	NAPIER
Hon. Dr	Michael	Cullen	Parliament Buildings		WELLINGTON
Hon.	Parekura	Horomia	Parliament Buildings		WELLINGTON
Mrs	Janet	Mackey MP	Electorate Office	P.O. Box 120	GISBORNE
Mrs	Anne	Tolley MP	Electorate Office		NAPIER
<b>Other Local Authorities:</b>					
Mayor	Mark	Blumsky	Wellington City Council	P.O. Box 2199	WELLINGTON
Mayor	Maureen	Reynolds	Taranaki District Council	P.O. Box 115	DANNEVIRKE
Mayor	Jill	White	Palmerston North City Council	Private Bag 11034	PALMERSTON NORTH
The	Chairman		Horizons.MW	Private Bag 11025	PALMERSTON NORTH
Mayor	T.	Robinson	Horowhenua District Council	Private Bag 4002	LEVIN
Mayor	Iride	McCloy	Kapiti Coast District Council	Private Bag 601	PARAPARAUMU
Mayor	Jenny	Brash	Porirua City Council	P.O. Box 50218	PORIRUA
Mayor	Chas	Poynter QSO	Wanganui District Council	P.O. Box 637	WANGANUI
Mr	Stuart	Clayton	Wellington Regional Council	P.O. Box 11646	WELLINGTON
Mayor	Audrey	Severinsen	Manawatu District Council	Private Bag 10001	FEILDING
<b>Other Stakeholders:</b>					
Mr	Hamish	Lowry	Hawkes Bay Tourism	P.O. Box 123	NAPIER
Mr	Kit	Nixon	Tourism Services Ltd	P.O. Box 123	NAPIER
Mr	Lance	Bickford	Hastings Tourism Facilities Trust	P.O. Box 1173	HASTINGS
Mr	Wayne	Butson	Secretary - Rail & Maritime Transport Trust	P.O. Box 1103	WELLINGTON