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Dear Daran

Thank you for your letter of 24 March 2025 requesting that NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) reviews the agreed plan to relocate the existing Melling station building as part of the Melling transport improvements project.

This is an important project for the region and transport network, and a significant milestone to have reached agreement between the project partners, including NZTA, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Hutt City Council, and the Alliance partners to progress construction starting this year.

NZTA intends to continue with the plan to relocate and preserve the existing Melling station building and incorporate it into the new Melling station facility, as agreed in Te Awa Kairangi (Riverlink) Environment Court decision and in accordance with the jointly-held designation conditions. Seeking to change this agreed plan now would result in a significant risk of consenting delays, as appeals to the Environment Court would be likely, and associated inevitable cost escalation for the project.

NZTA has spoken with Greater Wellington Regional Council Chief Executive Nigel Corry and Project Sponsor Fiona Abbott to explain our position in further detail. If you would like to discuss this matter further with me, you are welcome to email me via boardsecretariat@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



Simon Bridges
Board Chair

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