



## MIN-3700 Engagement with Dominion Road Business Association

7 September 2021

The Minister's Office has received a letter from the Dominion Road Business Association, the Minister has asked for a summary of the engagement which the Establishment Unit has had with the Association.

### Engagement with Dominion Road Business Association: May - September 2021

- On behalf of the Dominion Road Business Association, s 9(2)(a) reached out to Leigh Auton, Auckland Light Rail (ALR) Board Chair in early May. On 13 May 2021 he was referred to the ALR engagement team.
- The engagement team reached out to s 9(2)(a) via email the same day and then had a phone call on 14 May. s 9(2)(a) explained the nature of the work he was doing for the business association, which is to develop the long-term future vision for Dominion Road businesses. He explicitly outlined his role was to engage with ALR about the future vision of this area and not just focusing on the temporary construction impacts on businesses.
- To do this, s 9(2)(a) explained he was going to be emailing all members with a survey to capture what people's views are for the future of Dominion Road. He shared that the business association is concerned that the area is getting tired and needs to be revitalised. On 20 May s 9(2)(a) followed up with the engagement team and shared the survey link.
- On 30 June as a courtesy prior to public engagement starting, the ALR engagement team called s 9(2)(a) Dominion Road Business Association. The engagement team explained the engagement approach was to have geographically based community listening sessions as well as targeted workshops (one of which focused specifically on business). s 9(2)(a) discussed how he wanted the opportunity to delve into specific business issues, ideas or concerns he has during these forums.
- On 7 July s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(a) attended the Eden Valley Community Listening Session in Sandringham. s 9(2)(a) asked about the 'cut and cover' trenches shown on the artist impressions, whether they would be along the whole route and whether there were any international examples of this design.
- On 18 August s 9(2)(a) shared his position paper on the ALR project with the team. This paper outlined that the business association 'in principle supports the development of a public transport system that increases load capacity and recognises that public transport systems are a key component of developing a vibrant, prosperous and sustainable city'. However, the

business association also shared that they believe that instead of light rail, the public transport mode along Dominion Road should be the trackless tram.

- On 24 August both also attended the online targeted business workshop. s 9(2)(a) raised trackless trams and requested more information about the demand and capacity. He also raised concerns from businesses about construction disruption and the need for car parking to be integrated into any plans (for the businesses).
- On 30 August Leigh Auton received a letter from s 9(2)(a) about the engagement and business case process and some disappointment that the team are not pursuing a trackless tram mode option.

s 9(2)(a)

ENDS.

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