

# **chief executive's report to the Board**

July 2019

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We are reviewing the programme to see if we can recover delays incurred due to consenting, appeals and property acquisition. Subject to the outcome of property negotiations/compulsory acquisition an early construction start is estimated to be January 2020 and a late start estimated for September 2020. The planned start date was October 2018.

We are looking at ways to manage the cost pressure which includes re scoping to meet the \$200M budget and suspending Alliance works to minimise the current cost forecast. Key Alliance staff would come back into the Transport Agency to assist on property acquisition and other critical path aspects of the project scope. This would save up to \$6M of project overheads and staff time.

Appeals to the Environment Court (from Te Korowai and Poutama, as well as landowners Mr & Mrs Pascoe) were heard 15 -19 July 2019. While we have settled DOCs appeal, they remain a party in terms of the other appeals. A decision on the appeals by the Environment Court is expected in September 2019.

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