

MINO-183 NZUP Queries

18 February 2021

Minister Woods office has sought advised about the implications of only completing particular sections of the Papakura to Drury south project. They have also sought advice about the updated cost estimate for the Queenstown package.

Papakura to Drury South

The Papakura to Drury South Physical Works Contract Award and Professional Services Contract Variation for Stage 1A do not contractually commit Government to later stages of the project. However, completing Stage 1A as a standalone project has significant implications on outcomes, and will not deliver the anticipated benefits of the project without completion of the whole of Stage 1 (1A, 1B1, 1B2).

These benefits include ensuring peak travel times do not increase, travel demand management opportunities are provided, and multi-modal objectives are achieved.

In this regard, Waka Kotahi would recommend that from an outcomes perspective, that the decision to the South Physical Works Contract Award and Professional Services Contract Variation for Stage 1A be taken on the basis of committing to the whole of Stage 1.

Our latest expected estimate for the whole of Stage 1 is \$640m to \$720m.

The outcomes and benefits of Stage 2 of the project are heavily linked to decisions on Mill Road. The immediate decision on Stage 1 is not considered by Waka Kotahi to commit Government to Stage 2 (either contractually or from an outcomes perspective).

Queenstown Package Cost

At the time the programme was established, the Queenstown package of works were in their very early stages of development and there was limited information available. We've now completed the business case for this work and have a greater understanding of project scope and property costs, enabling us to refine our estimate