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Dear Daran, Rachel and the respective Chairs, Mayors and leaders of economic development in Wellington, Porirua and Kāpiti

Thank you for your letter of 31 January 2023 regarding the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility investment proposal. I appreciate the Councils efforts to provide a reliable, convenient, affordable, and safe passenger transport option for people in your region through delivering new low-emissions passenger trains and infrastructure improvements. I am pleased to hear that all the relevant Territorial Authorities are updating their District Plan provisions to align with the National Policy Statement on Urban Development.

I acknowledge the work that you all and the Council staff have done in developing this proposal. As your letter highlights, I hear your concerns regarding the carriages on the Palmerston North and Wairarapa lines reaching the end of their life. Ministers are currently considering the merits of the proposal, but final decisions have yet to be made. We will inform the Councils of the final decision as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Wood".

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