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Tēnā koe Daran

### **Procurement Opportunity for Regional Transport and Feasibility Study for Waikato Region**

Thank you for your letter dated 8 August. As noted, Waikato Regional Council staff are working with your team to complete a Detailed Business Case into Rolling Stock Renewal, which is about to be presented to Waka Kotahi New Transport Agency for assessment and support.

We acknowledge and support the aspiration that your upcoming procurement be utilised as the basis upon which other regions and rail services might secure similar rolling stock thereby enabling a national standard for longer distance services.

Once our Detailed Business Case is complete there would be benefit in Barry Fryer presenting to council (or a suitable committee) to improve our understanding of your process and how it might support us. We will contact him direct to organise this.

Please continue to inform us of your process as it continues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela R. Storey". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Pamela Storey**  
Chair Waikato Regional Council