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Dear Cameron

**AIRPORT RAIL ROUTE PROTECTION (CRM798533)**

Thank you for your letter of 9 June 2010 asking for my support in protecting a rail route to the Auckland Airport.

As you no doubt know I am, and will continue to be, a strong advocate for this link. I am pleased to advise that there is the prospect of progress on this matter. Council, along with the NZ Transport Agency, Auckland International Airport Limited, Kiwirail, Auckland Regional Transport Authority and Auckland Regional Council are shortly to commence an exercise which will culminate in the selection and protection of a rapid transit route to the Airport integrated within other roading and cycling works.

A Memorandum of Understanding is shortly being reported for endorsement to the governing bodies of the above organisations and the exercise will be led by ARTA.

The study and project parties acknowledge the strategic direction contained within the recently adopted 2010 Regional Land Transport Strategy which identifies the need for improvements to airport access to be a mixture of compatible State Highway and rail rapid transit network improvements.

You will appreciate that a major study of this nature, which should commence later this year, will take time to work through the issues. I am sure that there will be consultation or opportunity for input from organisations such as yours.

I would be more than happy to send you a copy of the report to Council when it is finalised. I will also be taking a close interest, as I am sure you will, in the study as it progresses.

Yours sincerely

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