

Memo

To: Ross Cooper
cc:
From: Jamie Forsman

Subject: Cultural Values Assessment in support of the Notice for Requirement for the City Centre Rail Link. (CRL).

This memo seeks to provide some general comments in review of the submitted Cultural Values Assessment (CVA) for the City Centre Rail Link project at the request of the processing officer. Please note that the following comments are at officer level only and do not represent the views of Iwi or Mataawaka.

The CVA methodology appears to be robust and those iwi identified as potentially having an interest in application area appear to align with Auckland Councils understanding of iwi and their respective geographic areas of interest (S43).

It is noted that initial contact was made by letter to confirm which iwi may have an interest in the CRL project. The level of iwi participation resulting from the initial contact phase is often improved by a follow up phone call in support of any written correspondence. Irrespective of this, the level of Mana Whenua response to the letter appears to be positive. The guiding principles for the CVA report are considered to represent best practice (S18). The author has independently reviewed and utilised a range of resources and provided numerous examples of case law to give a statutory context.

The inclusion of the Kaitiaki Forum recommendation within the N.O.R conditions is considered the most appropriate means of securing this measure and could be supported by M.O.U's with respective Iwi Authorities.

The proposed Kaitiaki Forum would provide iwi opportunity to input into the project areas, which are relevant, and of interest to them. It is noted that the Kaitiaki Forum would be at officer level and this may be appropriate in terms of tackling on the ground issues associated with accidental discovery protocols and urban design. In addition to these measures, it is recommended that the CRL project team investigate the provision of a Mana Whenua/AucklandCouncil/Auckland Transport forum at the governance/decision making level. This forum could facilitate

- resolution of 'red flag' issues and risks
- participation/influence on key decisions
- provide updates at key project milestones

Such a forum may not require the same frequency of meetings as the officer level Kaitiaki Forum; however, it would provide iwi with a direct line of communication to other key decision makers and allow for the escalation and resolution of any unresolved issues. This forum could operate in tandem with the kaitiaki forum or result from the elevation of the proposed kaitiaki forum to the governance level.

Nga mihi

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