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## Wellington Ferry Terminal

As you will know Greater Wellington has over the past 18 months, been coordinating a project group investigating the options for a new multi-user ferry terminal in Wellington harbour. This group consisted of: GW, Wellington City Council, New Zealand Transport Agency, CentrePort, KiwiRail and Bluebridge, at officer, CE and Board/Council level.

The investigation of alternatives and the preparation of a business case has been undertaken on a collaborative basis and has been extensive and thorough. A large number of sites were evaluated and significant information has been gathered to support the assessment, including information on seismic performance, transport connections, fit with city and regional plans and operational performance for the ferry operators. The work of this group concluded in a preference for a site at Kaiwharawhara.

The two shareholding Councils in CentrePort, Greater Wellington and Horizons Regional Council, have since met in early April, to formally support the preferred site at Kaiwharawhara. Both Councils also noted that the other sites evaluated would have a significant impact on the ability of the Port to continue its business and were not supported.

We believe that a new multi-user terminal will bring significant benefits to the region and NZ. The ferry services are a critical part of the national transport network and the current facilities are well past their use-by date. A multi-user solution will enable efficiencies to be gained for the operators and the port and importantly free-up other parts of the port land for alternative uses that benefit the economy and the city.



CentrePort as the port operator, are ready to progress the planning of a new terminal through the next stages, including detailed design of a terminal and related marine facilities and will work with the ferry operators to develop a transition plan.

To make this new Wellington ferry terminal a success will require the close cooperation of all parties, including Government. Significant funding is likely to be required, both for the terminal/marine facilities and the related transport infrastructure to connect onto the State Highway. Both Greater Wellington and Horizons Regional Council are committed to delivering a successful outcome and will do whatever we can to ensure this can be achieved and look forward to working with the ferry operators on this exciting development.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you and to working collaboratively towards a successful outcome for NZ.

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