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Kia ora Bill

Thank you for your letter of 5 August 2026 about the spatial studies on the Hamilton to Tauranga Corridor and the North Waipa —South Hamilton area, as well as for your letter of 24 August 2026 about our conversation on development contributions.

As noted when we met on 19 August 2026, I am supportive of the spatial studies that Future Proof has undertaken and appreciate you sharing them with me. They demonstrate at a sub-regional scale the ways of working we want to see through regional spatial planning.

I also appreciate your support for amendments to the Local Government Act 2002 to enable councils to set appropriate development contributions for Fast-Track projects. I would like to acknowledge Future Proof constituent council staff for making themselves available at short notice to engage with officials from the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport on 25 August 2026 to test the practicality of the proposed changes, including cross-boundary developments and transitional arrangements.

You may be interested to note that the Government intends to progress these amendments when Parliament resumes on 15 September 2026.

Thank you again for writing to me on these important issues.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CBishop'.

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister of Housing