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Dear Daran Ponter, Janet Holborow and Helmut Modlik

Thank you for your letter of 23 June 2023 regarding future ownership of land that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency currently holds for the Transmission Gully project.

I am pleased to see that the Wainuiwhenua Working Group is working alongside Greater Wellington Regional Council, Kāpiti Coast District Council and Ngāti Toa Rangātira, to seek the best outcome possible for this parcel of land, should the Wainuiwhenua Working Group obtain a favourable decision from Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) for a Crown transfer or acquisition of the land.

I have been advised that once the Transmission Gully project team confirm that there is no further public work requirements for particular portions of land across the project corridor Waka Kotahi will undertake a Land Use Assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether Waka Kotahi has any further public work requirements beyond Transmission Gully project needs. The assessment does not consider other parties' public work requirements beyond those of Waka Kotahi.

If Waka Kotahi confirms that there are no further public work requirements for the various portions of the land, then the land proceeds through an internal process to be declared surplus. Only once the land has been declared surplus is the report to determine whether an offer back to the former owner is required under the Public Works Act disposal process prepared by the LINZ-accredited agent and provided to LINZ.

I am advised by Waka Kotahi that it is still some time before the Land Use Assessment process will be undertaken for the entirety of the Transmission Gully corridor.

Further information on the LINZ process is available at: [www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/crown-property/crown-property-disposals](http://www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/crown-property/crown-property-disposals).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Parker', written in a cursive style.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister of Transport**