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Andrew Williams Mayor North Shore City Council Private Bag 93500 Takapuna NORTH SHORE CITY 0740

Dear Mayor Williams

Development contributions and Auckland governance

Thank you for your letter of 19 June 2009 about development contributions and the new Auckland governance structure.

My officials are working on a number of policy projects in relation to the development of the proposed Local Government (Auckland Law Reform) Bill. The Bill will cover transitional matters and include provisions to enable the Auckland Council to operate effectively in the initial period after its establishment. I have asked my officials to take your comments into consideration within the context of this work.

The Bill is due to be introduced to Parliament in October, and will be referred to the Auckland Governance Legislation Committee for public input. I trust that you will again take the opportunity to submit the Council's views on the Government's proposals at that time.

While I am currently unable to meet with you to discuss this matter, I appreciate the time you have taken to make your views known to me.

Yours, sincerely

Hon Rodnley Hide

Minister of Local Government