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Dear Sir/Madam

### **A2B YACHT RACE**

Auckland and Invercargill may be separated by the tyranny of distance, but we do share a unique common border. We are both on the cusp of the Tasman Sea and mighty Pacific Ocean. We also both embrace innovation and exciting new events: Auckland with its hosting of the Americas Cup and spectacular growth as a multicultural super city; Invercargill with its Burt Munro movie and annual bikers' rally, Bluff Oyster Festival; New Zealand's only Indoor Velodrome and the innovative Zero Fee Scheme for tertiary education.

The incredible success of the Rugby World Cup was that the matches were spread throughout the country and this helped unite us as a nation.

The A2B will travel from North Cape to Bluff, also making this a truly national event.

Our region will do everything possible to ensure the A2B is an outstanding success.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Shadbolt", written in a cursive style.

Tim Shadbolt  
**MAYOR**