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Dear Mr Duncan

The full Mesoscopic study – paper – order to table

I refer to your letter dated 5 August 2021 to Ms Kathy Leigh, Head of Service and Director-General of the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate regarding the order for the production of a document referred to as “the full Mesoscopic study”. As noted in separate correspondence, the document referred to as “the full Mesoscopic study” does not exist.

To provide some clarification, the term “Mesoscopic study” may have been conflated with the concept of mesoscopic modelling. Mesoscopic modelling is the product of the input of base assumptions, information and data. It fills the gap between higher level strategic modelling for traffic management and detailed planning.

Traffic modelling is a dynamic process which is undertaken continuously through the planning and development of major projects, including light rail. As a result, there is not a finite set of outputs or a completed study report which could be provided in line with the terms of the request. Rather, discrete

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queries are inputted to the model for the production of data outputs which can then inform government deliberations and project planning.

I trust this clarification will be of some assistance.

Yours sincerely



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- cc Ms Kathy Leigh
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