Wynyard Crossing Bridge Media Response – Interim Wynyard Crossing Proposal 31 May 2024

Eke Panuku provided the following update to the New Zealand Herald in response to questions about an Interim Wynyard Crossing proposal.

As we've said previously, our priority is to get the Wynyard Crossing Bridge back to full operation as quickly as possible. We remain open to other temporary transport options and will consider any and all other proposals presented to us.

Eke Panuku has received an Interim Wynyard Crossing Proposal from Fu Wah New Zealand on behalf of 21 Wynyard Quarter stakeholders.

We have responded acknowledging their proposal and advising we are currently assessing it. This will include feasibility, health and safety, additional infrastructure required, consenting and of course a detailed cost analysis to ensure an informed value for money judgement from a ratepayer perspective. Until that work is done it's impossible to put a price on this proposal. We will respond to the proposal with our findings once we have completed this work.

With regards to the maintenance programme underway on the Wynyard Crossing Bridge, the steel corrosion treatment work is expected to commence shortly, potentially with some of it off site to speed this process up. Work is also progressing on the mechanical refit.

We will be working closely with the head contractor to provide a more substantial update around time frames when we can reliably do so.

Until such time, we are unable to offer further clarification other than we are working to return the bridge to service in time for summer. As soon as we have confirmed time frames, we will share this publicly through our channels.

There is a monthly Wynyard Crossing Bridge maintenance newsletter that anyone can sign up to here.