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**Joint letter from Civil Contractors New Zealand and Infrastructure New Zealand to
Hon. David Parker, Minister of Transport**

RE: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport

Dear Minister Parker,

Firstly, congratulations on your appointment to the transport portfolio. We look forward to working with you on delivering good transport outcomes for New Zealand.

Secondly, we are writing to you today to express our concerns about the lack of a draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, which is now more than four months overdue, alongside significant transport funding reviews, such as the review of the Road User Charges system and the Review of Revenue.

We appreciate there may be good reasons for this delay. The government is likely to be considering infrastructure resilience and appropriate funding levels closely, given the impact of severe weather events on the transport networks serving communities such as Hawke's Bay, Coromandel, and Northland. However, the absence of a Government Policy Statement is hugely concerning to the sector.

As you will be aware, the Government Policy Statement sets the parameters on which Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency makes its funding allocations and investment decisions through the National Land Transport Programme. It also impacts local authorities, as they must make investment decisions based on this Statement.

Further down the decision-making chain, the absence of a Government Policy Statement impacts the whole transport sector, including civil contractors, who carry out the physical works and need notice of the tasks ahead so they can plan to invest in equipment and skilled workers to construct and maintain the country's transport network.

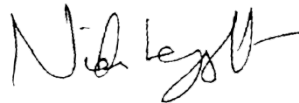
We are writing to request an indication of the government's intentions regarding the direction and funding of the country's transport infrastructure, including maintenance and operations. At present we are unsure if the Government intends to issue a draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, if it intends to carry on with the status quo, or if it will issue an interim Statement.

We would appreciate an indication from you on what is proposed on this matter. We are happy to meet with you or assist your officials where possible.

Yours sincerely,



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