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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2022 on behalf of Auckland University of Technology (AUT) regarding the potential impact of the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit Project on its South Campus.

I note AUT's support for the project but understand its concerns that construction may compromise the ongoing efficient operation of the South Campus and its ability to deliver quality education on that campus.

I agree with the approach outlined in your letter, and I am happy to be a joint signatory on the submission regarding the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit Project to provide clarity on the potential impacts on the campus and to ensure best endeavours are made to mitigate those impacts.

I request that AUT prepares its submission in draft form and provides it to myself and the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) for consideration, no later than three weeks before the submission date. I suggest if there are matters that AUT wishes to discuss during the drafting process, that AUT engages directly with the TEC. I have copied in the TEC's Chief Executive to this letter.

Thank you again for your letter. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

**Chris Hipkins**  
**Minister of Education**

**From:** 9(2)(a)  
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**Cc:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Minister of Education Designation 6102 – Auckland University of Technology South Campus - CH15700

Good morning,

I act for Auckland University of Technology who operates the South Campus for which the Minister holds Designation 6102 in the Auckland Unitary Plan. The attached letter relates to an upcoming notice of requirement which has the potential to significantly affect the South Campus. The letter provides a briefing and requests authority to act under the designation.

Please let me know if there are any queries arising or if Ministry staff would like to meet to discuss further. I look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards

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