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## **GETBA feedback to Auckland Transport RSU1819-071**

### **Ti Rakau Drive, East Tamaki - Traffic lights installation**

#### **Background**

East Tamaki is a major employment hub for 30,000 staff. The efficient movement of people and freight is key to the ability of businesses to be productive and to attract and retain staff.

GETBA's role is to advocate for the efficient movement of people and freight to and from and within our business precinct. Our focus with regard to this proposal is the impact on traffic flow on this major arterial route particularly at peak commuting times.

#### **Feedback**

While we appreciate the safety objective in this attempt to prevent another fatality, we have a concern that this specific design will extend the pinch point impacting eastbound traffic at this section of roadway particularly during the peak evening commute. It will also mean there will be three sets of lights in a very short stretch of road.

We also query the timing of the intervention before the coronial enquiry is completed which may include a remedial recommendation.

We would prefer to see an engineering solution that aligns with either of the existing intersections – ie Greenmount Drive or Huntington Drive. A design that means the light is activated only if there is a bus making the right-hand turn from Ti Rakau Drive would be optimal.

Another action we would recommend is the re-engineering of the vehicle crossing and gate into the bus depot as buses seem to have to slow down excessively to cope with the camber or "bump" as they enter and exit the bus depot.

We see that the latest AMETI Eastern Busway designs have the driveway entrance into the bus depot aligned with the signalised Huntington Drive intersection. If there is any way to bring this design forward it would be sensible so as not to create an unnecessary additional set of traffic signals.

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