



**Greater East Tamaki
Business Association Inc.**

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GETBA feedback to Auckland Transport: Airport to Botany Rapid Transit

Background

East Tamaki is a major commercial industrial employment hub for 30,000 people. Te Irirangi Drive borders the East Tamaki business precinct towards the Botany end of the Rapid Transit route.

GETBA's role is to advocate for the efficient movement of people and freight to and from and within our business precinct, which is key to the ability of businesses to be productive and to attract and retain staff.

Our focus in providing this feedback is to take a high-level approach to contributing to the business case development at the outset of this exciting proposal.

Feedback

GETBA supports the concept of an Airport to Botany Rapid Transit as it should improve connectivity to the East Tamaki employment hub, by providing the rapid transit 'spine' that the supporting public transport network can hook into east-west.

The AT website information states that this project would "improve access to Auckland Airport and Manukau – two major employment areas". We would like to think that it would also improve access to the significant employment hub of East Tamaki. With the supporting public transport network into and traversing the East Tamaki business precinct it will improve the ability of East Tamaki employees who reside in the south west to make a more efficient commute to and from their place of work in East Tamaki. It will also enable greater employment opportunities for job seekers in the south west. The potential positive economic and social outcomes should be part of the business case development for this proposal.

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