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Hon Grant Robertson
Minister of Finance
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LAND TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT (REGIONAL FUEL TAX) AMENDMENT BILL

Dear Grant

1. The purpose of this letter is to confirm your agreement to matters relating to the Land Transport Management (Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill (the Bill).
2. On 20 December 2018, the Cabinet Business Committee authorised the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Finance (joint Ministers) to make final decisions on details that arise during the drafting of the Bill without further reference to Cabinet [CAB-17-MIN-0088 refers].
3. I propose the following matters be included in the Bill:
 - 3.1. that the maximum rate of regional fuel tax be 10 cents per litre which may be adjusted (increased or decreased) by Order in Council
 - 3.2. that joint Ministers may review a regional fuel tax scheme at any time
 - 3.3. that an issuing officer¹ may issue a search warrant in relation to a place, vehicle or other thing if, on an application made by a constable or a enforcement officer appointed by the Commissioner of Police, he or she is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds –
 - 3.3.1. to suspect that an offence has been, is being, or will be committed
 - 3.3.2. to believe that the search will find evidential material in respect of the offence in the place, vehicle, or other thing.
4. I have attached the Bill and supporting Cabinet paper for your information and comment. These documents provide further information on the matters referred to in paragraph 3 above.
5. You will note that the Cabinet paper proposes the Bill be introduced during the week of 26 March 2018 in order to meet my desired in force date of 1 July 2018.

¹ Defined at section 3 of the Search and Surveillance Act 2012 as (a) a Judge or (b) a person, such as a Justice of the Peace, Community Magistrate, Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, who is for the time being authorised to act as an issuing officer under section 108 of that Act.

6. Should you agree to include the matters referred to in paragraph 3, please counter sign this letter for return to my office.

Yours sincerely



Hon Phil Twyford
Minister of Transport



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