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Dear Minister,

**West Gate Tunnel Project and [REDACTED]**

Further to our letter dated 14 February 2020, Council has still not been afforded proper consultation with regard to the proposal for [REDACTED] to accept, store, and potentially dispose of unclassified contaminated soil from the West Gate Tunnel Project.

While [REDACTED] verbally briefed Council officers on 10 February 2020 and Councillors on 19 February 2020, no written information about the details regarding the approval process, including a draft incorporated document, technical reports and appropriate details of mitigation, are yet to be forthcoming.

Council has twice responded to [REDACTED] offering of a further verbal briefing, stating that Council cannot provide an informed opinion or sufficient opportunity to express its views or to point to problems or difficulties, until we have the opportunity to review the technical reports. [REDACTED] has stated that they are unable to provide the documents due to commercial sensitivities. In response, Council offered a compromise to accept redacted documents. This offer has not been accepted to date. Council would honour the commercial and in confidence nature of the reports.

The third letter provided to [REDACTED]. It discusses the relevant general practice note for section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and articulates that the Minister expects the proponent to have consulted with the relevant planning authority and attempted to resolve any disputes. Council has not been afforded proper consultation on this proposal.

To reiterate, it is imperative that Council be provided with all technical reports and materials in draft so that Council might be afforded the opportunity to make comment on these documents before they are finalised and before any decision is made on the basis of them.

I appreciate your time on this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,



**Derek Madden**  
Chief Executive Officer

