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Dear Daran

Thank you for your letter dated 10 November 2025 regarding the significant progress made on the flood resilience projects funded through the Regional Infrastructure Fund.

It was a pleasure to meet with you in June this year to discuss the progress the Regional Councils had made regarding flood resilience projects. I appreciate you now providing me with an update on that work, and the priority projects identified by the Regional Councils.

I understand you have sustained regular engagement with Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit (Kānoa) officials. I am advised that Kānoa officials continue to work with council partners and are finalising contract negotiations for the Tranche 2 projects.

It is encouraging to see the substantial work undertaken to identify priority projects for Tranche 3. I note the scale of need identified and acknowledge the importance of developing a long-term pipeline for co-investment.

The intention to provide an updated business case by 31 March 2026 is welcomed, and I look forward to reviewing it. I note this will include projects identified for Tranche 3, along with the remaining projects identified by Regional Councils not allocated to a funding Tranche to date.

I encourage you to continue to engage with Kānoa officials as you progress development of the business case or if you have any other questions or issues you wish to discuss around funding.

Yours sincerely

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