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## **Ensuring greater accountability at Auckland Transport**

The Restaurant Association is beyond disappointed to be blindsided by the revelations in the past few days regarding Auckland Transport's changes to parking charges in the Central City Parking Zone (CCPZ). While officials from Auckland Transport have said they "have been trying their best to communicate" these changes, we submit that this is nowhere near good enough.

For that reason I have written to the Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee asking them to consider initiating an inquiry into the role, powers and accountability of Auckland Transport.

As the largest representative body for restaurants and cafés in New Zealand, and one of the multitude of stakeholders let down by this announcement, we submit that Auckland Transport's approach to this is completely unacceptable and warrants an inquiry to ensure both elected members and the general public can have confidence in the organisation's operations.

I have offered my support to the Committee to help them in their consideration whether to launch a formal inquiry.

Ngā mihi nui,



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