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1 Convention Centre

Do you support the revised rating model for the proposed convention centre?

Yes

Convention Centre Comments

Auckland Airport strongly supports the establishment of the Convention Centre by QLDC in the CBD area. We consider it to be an essential element in the development of tourism infrastructure in the district and believe it will play a significant role in driving growth in the sector across the entire year and not just in the existing peak periods. The benefits of a convention centre will flow throughout the regional economy and therefore a convention centre of the scale and quality required to capture the opportunity for the District inevitably calls for direct public funding. The approach taken to fund such an investment is properly within the Council's mandate to determine. However such an approach should be transparent and seek to equitably share the cost across the ratings base. It is important that the matter is included in the 10 year plan so that an open discussion with the community can take place in relation to funding.