Hello again Mr Prichard

I emailed you on the morning of 3 March 2018 about the proposed Mulock GO Rail station and the abandonment of grade separation at Mulock Drive.

My email was acknowledged the following day telling me it would be brought to your attention.

I sat in on the March 8 Board meeting on and was left wondering if you had sight of my email beforehand and if it had been circulated to Board members before the meeting.

During the Board’s discussion of the New Stations paper and the related technical report one of your colleagues - I think it was Upkar Arora - asked if staff had made any assumptions that would have affected the recommendations put before the Board that the Board was unaware of. (That was my understanding of the point being made.)

Leslie Woo said no. Everything was in front of the Board.

That is, of course, correct. But the abandonment of grade separation was buried in the technical appendix.

The matter was not flagged up in the way I hoped it would have been.

As you know, the earlier (2016) Metrolinx report on Mulock said that without grade separation the station would not be viable. What has changed?

I am concerned that with a network-wide negative benefit Mulock Station might be axed by the Board when it comes to review the final list of new stations in October.

There was much talk at the Board meeting about land use in the Mulock Drive area. Your staff clearly want to know more about future plans for the station’s catchment area.

Unfortunately, the Town is only now embarking on the Secondary Plan for the Mulock Drive area and it may still be work in progress by the time you must decide on whether you go ahead with Mulock or drop it.

I very much hope Mulock stays in the final list. All the metrics change if the 15 minute service is extended northwards to Mulock from Aurora.

Grade separation would then be an absolute necessity.

Of course this would be expensive. But if it is to be done it would be better done now than later.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Prentice