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I have today had sight of the SIIP "Implementation Business Case Update" of 2 October 2015, which I believe is about to be released under request.

I am disappointed to read the commentary and analysis presented in this paper, which you know

- does not reflect our view of the situation accurately
- was never shared or agreed with us, and
- does not line up with the last business case I saw.

As you know, I and this Council supported the SIIP programme strategically, financially and in spirit for a very long time before very reluctantly having to concede that we could not make the financials work for us. I believed that our situation was understood and acknowledged by all remaining participants. You will recall that I called and discussed with each of you personally, to explain our dilemma. We simply could not place this burden on our ratepayers. Our conclusion was broadly that it would deliver a level of service which we would have dearly loved, but was not required. It was a difficult decision to land, given our support for the strategic direction.

The document about to be released does not accurately reflect our view of the financial situation as we believe the status quo costs are overstated, for reasons discussed throughout the process. If the contents are made public, GWRC will move to defend its position and decision making. This will likely have the effect of undermining the integrity of the SIIP analysis in the public domain. Commentary in the paper may support the programme business case story, but will not stack up.

Do you wish to discuss? Specifically, can you advise why you would release your take on the GWRC situation, as part of your business case release? It is not the business case itself.

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