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Hey Boss

Im scheduled to be in Southland Wednesday/Thursday with Gin and have just noted Ministers meeting is Wednesday at 10. Given its James' first im sure the intention is to put the best foot forward... I can dial in from a car but its probably not the best outcome

I had made time to get HWEN feedback (but Martin and Jess can easily anchor this), but had also proposed to do the FW Programme update and seek direction on

- Visit to Ash Lakes
- Southland Land and Water Plan.
- Rakaia WCO declaration [this may be too late – additional context below]

I can dial in, but interested in your thoughts about whether I push the programme update out so I can anchor it the following week, but set you up maybe to get direction on the other urgent issues - you will be across the Ash Lakes context.

The Rakaia decision is gnarly and we may actually need to discuss with the Minister prior to Wednesday given deadline to join proceedings so I will work with Steph to see if we can get a phone call or earlier opportunity. I will brief you more fully on this tomorrow following a chat with Crown Law.

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