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## MINO-533 Christchurch Safety Cameras

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Police access to data collected by safety cameras in Christchurch once installed and the potential privacy issues surrounding the data.

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### Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Police will still have access to safety camera infringement and traffic offence details for road policing purposes. They will be able to request an image of an offending vehicle on a case-by-case basis for urgent criminal matters.
- There are privacy considerations associated with safety cameras, in that they collect licence plate details that can be linked back to an individual (unless the vehicle is owned by a company). This is personal information under the Privacy Act 2020.
- The purpose of safety cameras is to detect vehicles that are speeding or red light running, and potentially distracted and unrestrained drivers in the future. This purpose guides what personal information the safety cameras can collect, retain and share with other agencies such as NZ Police.
- Waka Kotahi is currently working with NZ Police to ensure that we both meet our obligations under the Privacy Act 2020. Discussions will also need to be held with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner and the Ministry of Transport before decisions on how we use personal information from the cameras are made. Part of this is considering how we can best share this information in the interests of public safety.
- Police are still able to access CCTV cameras which monitor parts of the network through the Traffic Operation Centres in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.