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REF: OIA-4688

Dear Catherine

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email 11 February 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). On 18 February 2019 you clarified your request, and your clarified request is for:

1. *Copies of the NZTA Board minutes from December 2018.*
2. *All reports and correspondence prepared by NZTA on the SH1/SH2 Petone to Grenada Link Road and the SH2 Melling interchange efficiency improvements, since the Transport Minister Phil Twyford's announcement of NZTA re-evaluations on 24 October 2018.*
3. *Copies of all letters/emails the NZTA received from members of the public on the SH1/SH2 Petone to Grenada Link Road and the SH2 Melling interchange efficiency improvements, since the Transport Minister Phil Twyford's announcement of NZTA re-evaluations on 24 October 2018, and copies of the responses to those letters/emails.*
4. *Copies of any information held by NZTA as to why no decision has been made on the SH1/SH2 Petone to Grenada Link Road and the SH2 Melling interchange efficiency improvements, despite the Minister saying they would be decided by December.*

The documents that fall within the scope of your request and their release status are outlined in the Document Schedule attached to this letter.

Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

Furthermore, some documents have been refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested will soon be publicly available on the NZ Transport Agency's website at www.nzta.govt.nz. Information out of scope has also been redacted.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of that information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold some of the information under this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Jasmine Higginson, Acting Senior Manager Media, by email to jasmine.higginson@nzta.govt.nz, or by phone on (04) 903 2315.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Reid', written in a cursive style.

Kevin Reid
Senior Manager, System Design

OIA-4688 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Release status
<i>1. Copies of the NZTA Board minutes from December 2018.</i>			
a)	Minutes from the 14 December 2018 Board meeting.	14/12/2018	<p>Refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.</p> <p>Before the Minutes of the Board meetings can be made publicly available they must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • confirmed, ratified and approved at a subsequent standard board meeting • checked to determine the nature and extent of the Minutes that will be withheld (and thus redacted) – noting this step can involve consultation with a number of relevant persons within the Transport Agency • approved for publication (with or without redactions, as considered appropriate). <p>The time taken to complete the noted process and publish the Board Meeting Minutes will depend on the range of subject matter covered by the Minutes in question, and the number of individuals who need to be consulted on their publication. The published versions of the Minutes may have had information redacted under one or more sections of the Act.</p> <p>The Minutes of the 14 December 2018 Board meeting are not yet available as they are still undergoing the process outlined above.</p>
<i>2. All reports and correspondence prepared by NZTA on the SH1/SH2 Petone to Grenada Link Road and the SH2 Melling interchange efficiency improvements, since the Transport Minister Phil Twyford's announcement of NZTA re-evaluations on 24 October 2018.</i>			
a)	M182682 (prepared in response to a ministerial enquiry)	01/11/2018	Personal details numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

b)	BRI-1502 – Re-evaluation project – Tranche-2 (Attachments – Re-evaluation Tranche 2 Summary Reports.pdf; BRI-1502.pdf)	2/11/2018	<p>Personal details numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.</p> <p>Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.</p> <p>Some information has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested will soon be publicly available on the Transport Agency’s website.</p> <p>Information out of scope has also been redacted.</p>
c)	Melling Re-evaluation Detailed Findings Report	28/11/2018	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested will soon be publicly available on the Transport Agency’s website.
d)	MIN-2939 Update on Melling announcement (Attachment – MIN-2939.docx, BRI-1502)	3/12/2018	<p>Personal details numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.</p> <p>Attachment: MIN-2939 withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.</p> <p>Attachment BRI-1502 is included under 2(b).</p>
e)	Report 1: Petone to Grenada Re-evaluation Strategic Context Report	10/12/2018	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested will soon be publicly available on the Transport Agency’s website.
f)	Report 3: Petone to Grenada Re-evaluation Summary Report	10/12/2018	Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

g)	Report 2: Petone to Grenada Options Summary Report	12/12/2018	Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.
h)	Re-evaluation Pictorial Summaries	13/12/2018	Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.
i)	NZ Transport Agency media round-up – December 14	14/12/2018	Personal details numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. Information out of scope has also been redacted.
j)	RE: Responsive lines re Melling Interchange needed asap	10/01/2019	Personal details numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
k)	NZ Transport Agency media round-up – January 11	11/01/2019	Personal details numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. Information out of scope has also been redacted.
l)	NZ Transport Agency media round-up – January 14	14/01/2019	Personal details numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. Information out of scope has also been redacted.
m)	RE Petone to Grenada	14/01/2019	Personal details numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
n)	2018/11/1299 Re-evaluation Findings for State Highway (SH) 2 [...], and SH2 Melling Interchange	09/11/2018	Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

o)	2018/12/1327 Re-evaluation findings for [...] and Petone to Grenada	14/12/2018	Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.
p)	2018/12/1329 Melling Transport Improvements – Recommended Option	14/12/2018	Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.
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a)	Melling Interchange (email from Chris Bishop to the Board Chair)	12/12/2018	Personal details numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. Information out of scope has been redacted.
b)	Emails received from the affected landowners and the public	From 24/10/2018 to 11/02/2019	Personal details numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. Information out of scope has been redacted.
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