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Ref. OIA-4972

Dear Meriana

Thank you for your email of 8 April 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. A list of the materials used in the Mackays to Peka Peka pavement*
- 2. For each of these materials, can you please confirm whether they meet the AusRoads standards?*
- 3. A copy of the test results for each material*
- 4. The material used in the top layer, the material used in the sub-base and where these where sourced*
- 5. The time frames, broken down by each part of M2PP, that were finalised in the Construction Environmental Management Plan to allow the deep peat deposits to settle under preload embankments*
- 6. The actual timeframes, broken down by each part of M2PP, that it took for the "settlement to reduce to an acceptable level"*
- 7. Could you please define what is considered an "acceptable level" for the settlement to reduce to, as referenced in the Statement of Evidence of Andrew Goldie, on September 4, 2012?*
- 8. A copy of Technical Report 35 in PDF form*
- 9. A copy of the Construction Environmental Management Plan in PDF form*

Your questions are answered in turn as follows:

- 1. A list of the materials used in the Mackays to Peka Peka pavement.*

Pavement details are attached. Some details have been redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

- 2. For each of these materials, can you please confirm whether they meet the AusRoads standards?*

The NZ Transport Agency does not use Austroads standards for road construction materials but has its own set of standards which can be found at www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/. Testing must periodically be completed on construction materials to ensure they meet the standards set by the Transport Agency, for example, www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/open-graded-porous-asphalt/.

- 3. A copy of the test results for each material.*

This request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as substantial collation would be required to provide this information. There are hundreds of test results and this information has not previously been centrally collated.

4. *The material used in the top layer, the material used in the sub-base and where these were sourced.*

The document provided outlines the materials used in the layers of the road. Material sources were generally as follows:

- sub-base – Kāpiti
- basecourse – Ōtaki
- sealing chip – Rangitikei
- asphalt – Horokiwi.

5. *The time frames, broken down by each part of M2PP, that were finalised in the Construction Environmental Management Plan to allow the deep peat deposits to settle under preload embankments.*

The Construction Environmental Management Plan, along with many other pertinent documents, is available online at: www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellington-northern-corridor/mackays-to-peka-peka/environmental-protection-authority-application/. Section 3.2 of the Settlement Effects Management Plan details the survey monitoring regime.

6. *The actual timeframes, broken down by each part of M2PP, that it took for the “settlement to reduce to an acceptable level”.*

This request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act as there are in excess of 60 monitoring sites, and providing the information you have requested from the monitoring data would require substantial manual collation.

7. *Could you please define what is considered an “acceptable level” for the settlement to reduce to, as referenced in the Statement of Evidence of Andrew Goldie, on September 4, 2012?*

The total estimated settlement for the various parts of the SH1 Mackays to Peka Peka Expressway are detailed in appendix b of the Settlement Effects Management Plan (Settlement Effects Management Plan parts 2 – 31 available online at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellington-northern-corridor/mackays-to-peka-peka/environmental-protection-authority-application/management-plans/>)

8. *A copy of Technical Report 35 in PDF form.*
9. *A copy of the Construction Environmental Management Plan in PDF form.*

Links to these publicly available documents were provided to you on 23 April 2019.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold some information and to refuse parts of 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, Lower North Island Media Manager, by email to Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (021) 507 990.

Yours sincerely



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