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Ref. OIA-5079

Dear Meriana

Thank you for your email of 4 May 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. All memos, letters, briefings and reports, relating to faults on the Mackays to Peka Peka expressway, including problems with the seal.*
- 2. I would like the full report/s, following the investigation into why the Mackays to Peka Peka Expressway required resealing.*

A Briefing to the Minister of Transport 'BRI-1144: Resurfacing of the Kāpiti Expressway (10 November 2017)' falls within the scope of your request and is attached as Attachment 1. Please note that personal information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

'Mackays to Peka Peka Expressway Pavement – Independent Review – Final Report' also falls within the scope of your request. The Transport Agency is working with its Alliance partners to negotiate the final scope and delivery of the remedial treatment to the Kāpiti Expressway. Therefore, I am withholding the Independent Review report and all other communications in full under section 9(2)(j) of the OIA. This section allows for the withholding of information to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

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 under this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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](mailto:Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on 021 507 990.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Boyt' with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Karen Boyt**  
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