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REF: OIA-6082

Dear Samantha

Thank you for your email of 12 November in which you request the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act)

*...Copies of any reports, documents, memoranda, correspondence, legal advice or emails, both internal and external regarding the Hemo roundabout sculpture in Rotorua.*

Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Act and the information within the scope of your request is as following.

To provide further background and context for your request, the Hemo roundabout sculpture project is led by the Rotorua Lakes District Council. The project is in partnership with the Transport Agency, Te Puia, and several other local Rotorua businesses. The Transport Agency directly contributed \$200,000 towards the project design and engineering and further, set a concrete plinth into the centre of the roundabout which will accommodate the sculpture and ensure long-term structural integrity.

For further in-depth documents, memoranda, correspondence, legal advice or emails, the Rotorua Lakes District Council would be most appropriate to provide these to you. The Rotorua Lakes District Council can be contacted via the following webpage; <https://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-council/officialinformation/Pages/Official-Information-request---online-form.aspx>

Please find all documents found in scope; Attachment one, memo dated 19 September 2019, and attachment two, internal and external emails regarding the Hemo roundabout sculpture.

Within the material released to you, I am withholding some information under section 9(2)(a) of the Act because the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Information is also withheld under section 9(2)(b)(iii) to protect information where the making available of the information which would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information

I do not consider that it is in the public interest to make this information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. You can find the contact details for the Ombudsman at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Media Manager, by email to [andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone (04) 8946285.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V C Browne".

**Vanessa Browne**

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