

12 March 2020

Jonathan Leask  
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REF: OIA-6433

Dear Jonathan

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for email of 20 February 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*A copy of the business case that included looking into traffic solutions from Christchurch to Ashburton that was pulled from a NZTA Board Agenda in 2017.*

Please find attached the following documents that are in scope of your request. Please note, these documents were pulled from a Transport Agency Board agenda when initially proposed in early 2017, but were sent to the Board in June 2017 as part of the portfolio of inter-regional business cases for State Highway 1 Picton to Dunedin.

Ref	Title	Decision
1.	SH1 Christchurch – Dunedin Programme Business Case	Released in part – some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
2.	Christchurch to Dunedin Recommended Programme	Released in full
3.	Christchurch to Dunedin: Mid Canterbury Recommended Programme	Released in full
4.	Christchurch to Dunedin: South Canterbury Recommended Programme	Released in full
5.	Christchurch to Dunedin: North Otago Recommended Programme	Released in full

Some information is withheld from the SH1 Christchurch-Dunedin Programme Business Case 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”.

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. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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