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Dear Bernard

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 14 May 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

A copy of all written and electronic correspondence and reports between NZTA and Government ministers/ministerial staff on the proposal to toll the new Puhoi to Warkworth highway.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response to your request is outlined in the attached Document Schedule.

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

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, and
- 9(2)(g)(i) – 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.

Also, some information has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

Out of scope information has also been redacted.

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. You can find the contact details for the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Elston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robyn Elston
Senior Manager, System Design

OIA-6670 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Release status
1.	Email from Waka Kotahi to Minister Twyford's office with attachment 'BRI-1859 Roads currently under assessment for tolling'	4 December 2019	<p>Direct dial and mobile phone 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>Out of scope information has also been redacted.</p>
2.	Email from Waka Kotahi to Minister Twyford's office with attachment 'MINO-0055 for Pūhoi to Warkworth tolling'.	12 February 2020	<p>Direct dial and mobile phone numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.</p> <p>Out of scope information has also been redacted.</p>
3.	Emails between Waka Kotahi to Minister Twyford's office with attachment 'BRI-1912 Road tolling recommendations: Ara Tūhono Pūhoi to Warkworth'.	1 -3 April 2020	<p>Direct dial and mobile phone 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>Out of scope information has also been redacted.</p>
4.	Emails between Waka Kotahi to Minister Twyford's office with attachment BRI-1912 Road Tolling recommendations - signed by Minister+recs	7 April 2020	<p>Direct dial and mobile phone numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.</p>

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5.	Excerpt from Weekly Report #194 'Consultation on tolling Pūhoi to Warkworth'.	8 May 2020	Released in full.
6.	<p>Emails between Waka Kotahi and Minister Twyford's office regarding the proactive release of information for Pūhoi to Warkworth.</p> <p><u>Attachments:</u></p> <p>a) NZ Transport Agency Board Paper, 12 March 2020</p> <p>b) Attachment One: Pūhoi to Warkworth Assessment Summary</p> <p>c) Pūhoi to Warkworth: Media Release</p>	11-15 May 2020	<p>Direct dial and mobile phone numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.</p> <p>Attachments have been refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available online at:</p> <p>a) https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/consultation/ara-tuhono-puhoi-to-warkworth-tolling-proposal/tolling-recommendation-board-paper.pdf</p> <p>b) https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/consultation/ara-tuhono-puhoi-to-warkworth-tolling-proposal/tolling-assessment-summary.pdf</p> <p>c) https://www.nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/safe-resilient-and-reliable-travel-between-puhoi-and-warkworth-public-feedback-open-on-tolling-and-speed-proposals/</p>