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REF: OIA-7220

Dear Caroline

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

Thank you for your email of 2 October 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*...all correspondence (emails, memos, documents and external communications) regarding transport minister Phil Twyford's visit to the Pūhoi to Warkworth motorway site on September 15.*

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- Attachment 1: A copy of all correspondence, including external communications
- Attachment 2: A copy of all memos, documents and attachments

In order to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs, information has been withheld from Attachment 1 under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of free and frank expressions of opinion by officials in the course of their duty.

Further information has been withheld from Attachment 1 and 2 under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Please note that one email attachment titled *BRI-2025 Constellation Bus Station site visit* has not been included in the information provided as the document is outside the scope of your request.

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 this information. 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 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media, by email to [Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz), or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Thackwray', written in a cursive style.

**Andrew Thackwray**

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