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REF: OIA-7333

Dear Hamish

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

Thank you for your email of 9 November 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I'm requesting all documents/emails concerning the felling of trees on Waikouaiti-Waitati Rd on State Highway 1 between Russell and Allen roads, this year.*

The documents in scope and their release status are outlined in the Document Schedule attached to this letter.

Certain information, such as third parties' names and mobile phone numbers, has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Quotes and prices have been withheld under section 9(2)(i) of the Act to enable Land and Forest Consultants Ltd and Winders Logging Ltd holding the information to carry out, without prejudice and disadvantage, commercial activities. The disclosure of the price will disadvantage third parties vis-à-vis direct competitors. Competitors could copy the companies' strategies or undercut their prices, which could reduce the number and value of service provided by the companies, and therefore their income.

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, please contact Frances Adank, Media Manager, frances.adank@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Oldfield', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Wayne Oldfield**  
Senior Manager, System Management

**OIA-7333 Document Schedule**

Ref	Document	Date	For release?	Description
1.	RE_ re Felling unstable-unsafe trees North of Layby	10 June 2020	Yes, with redactions	Third parties' names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
2.	Fwd_ SH 1-Kilmog remove trees on NZTA LAND-Rapid 2749	29 September 2020	Yes, with redactions	Third parties' names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
3.	Kirkman-and other work Kilmog September 2020	5 October 2020	Yes, with redactions	Third parties' names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.  Price information is withheld under section 9(2)(i) to enable Land and Forest Consultants Ltd holding the information to carry out, without prejudice and disadvantage, commercial activities.
4.	RE_ SH 1-Kilmog remove trees on NZTA LAND-Rapid 2749	5 October 2020	Yes, with redactions	Third parties' names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
5.	TREES FOR FELLING OPPOSITE LAYBY-KILMOG SH1-Oct 020	19 October 2020	Yes, with redactions	Third parties' names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
6.	RE_ TREES FOR FELLING OPPOSITE LAYBY-KILMOG SH1-Oct 020 response 2	27 October 2020	Yes, with redactions	Third parties' names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
7.	RE_ TREES FOR FELLING OPPOSITE LAYBY-KILMOG SH1-Oct 020 response	27 October 2020	Yes, with redactions	Third parties' names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
8.	re kilmog tree removal	3 November 2020	Yes, with redactions	Third parties' names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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9.	FW_ re tomorrow	3 November 2020	Yes, with redactions	Third parties' names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
10.	Fatal Crash - SH1 Kilmog	5 November 2020	Yes, with redactions	Mobile phone number is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
11.	Quote QU-0003 from Winders Logging LTD for Chris Harris	7 November 2020	Yes, with redactions	<p>Third party's name is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.</p> <p>The invoice provided by Winders Logging Ltd is withheld under section 9(2)(i) to enable Winders Logging Ltd holding the information to carry out, without prejudice and disadvantage, commercial activities.</p>
12.	Extract from tree register	N/A	Yes	<p>Released in full.</p> <p>The tree register is maintained and updated by a Waka Kotahi road maintenance contractor and is a living document. We extracted the information for the purpose of this request on 13 November 2020.</p> <p>The last assessment for the trees on this stretch of highway was conducted in November/ December 2019 as part of preparations for the 2020/2021 Annual Plan submission. Waka Kotahi road maintenance contractors also monitor this highway twice each month to identify any changes on the road corridor, as well as our general maintenance routine twice in a week for both lanes.</p>
13.	Photos of felling trees	N/A	Yes, with redactions	Any information that can be used to identify our contractor is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.