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Dear Zac

Thank you for your email of 3 November 2020 requesting a copy of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's final report on the audit of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts. Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

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

- Attachment 1 - RAL Final Report
- Attachment 2 - Follow Up Assessment - RAL VCOF

Certain information 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, including that of deceased natural persons.

Certain information has also been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act in order 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 public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

The release of Transport Service Licence (TSL) numbers is prohibited under section 199A of the Land Transport Act 1998. This information has therefore been withheld under section 18(c)(i) of the Act as making the information available would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment.

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.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager, Media, by email to Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 021 276 3222.

Yours sincerely



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