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Dear Nigel

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 10 November 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

KiwiRail is planning to introduce new, larger Interislander ferries within five years. These ferries will have greater capacity and higher vehicle discharge rates than the current fleet, potentially affecting road traffic volumes in the Marlborough region.

- 1. Please provide me with documents that detail any discussion of traffic effects of new Interislander ferries in the Marlborough region.*
- 2. Please provide me with copies of any documents that detail what changes to the road transport network may be made by NZTA to cater for any increased traffic, and any actual planned work that will cater for the increased traffic, in the Marlborough region.*

DO NOT REFER THIS OIA REQUEST. I am interested in information held by NZTA and am making official information requests specific to other agencies.

The following documents fall within the scope of your request:

1. *Picton Transport Improvements Factsheet (October 2020).*

This factsheet demonstrates some of the interventions currently being considered for the Marlborough Transport System.

This document is publicly available on Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's website:
<https://nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/waitohi-picton-transport-network-improvements/picton-transport-improvements-factsheet-202010.pdf>.

2. *Strategic Case: Picton Port Access - Draft.*

This investigation is considering changes and opportunities resulting from the ferry precinct redevelopment, along with historic transport issues, to plan the Picton transport system. It is expected to be completed in the first half of 2021.

As this document is still in development, its release would undermine the efficiency of the drafting process and the quality of the end product. Therefore, the document is 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.

3. *Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment: Integrated Transportation Assessment - Draft (10 September 2020).*

This document belongs to Port Marlborough New Zealand Limited and KiwiRail, who provided a copy of it to Waka Kotahi for feedback as part of their consultation process. I understand you have requested the same information from KiwiRail. I am advised by KiwiRail that they are considering this document and will respond to you directly.

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. More information about the Ombudsman is available online at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the 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



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