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REF: OIA-7442

Dear Caroline

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

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

...copies of all internal and external correspondence, investigation and incident reports and memos relating to the damage/uneven surface that was discovered on Auckland's Northern Motorway between Upper Harbour Highway and Greville Rd on 1 December, 2020.

Please include correspondence relating to the initial complaints that there was an issue with the road (for example, communications from members), and between Waka Kotahi NZTA and the contractors responsible for the damage.

Finally, please include the cost of fixing the damage.

A total of 16 documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- Attachment 1: Combined emails, 1-2 December 2020.

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.

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.

The costs of the repair are borne by the Northern Corridor Improvements (NCI) Alliance. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is a member of the NCI Alliance and as such, pays a share of the cost. Actual costs won't be collated until the December 2020 accounts are audited in February 2021.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision on this request. 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 Andrew Knackstedt, Media Manager, 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 'A. Thackwray', written in a cursive style.

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