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Dear Mitchell

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 6 August 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can I please have a copy of all correspondence sent and/or received by NZTA and the CPB HEB Joint Venture relating to the construction completion timeline from June 2021.

And I ask that anything within the spirit of this request that is not mentioned be included in the response.

There is minimal correspondence between Waka Kotahi and the CPB-HEB Joint Venture (the Joint Venture) on this matter, as it relates more directly to the role of the Wellington Gateway Partnership. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has recently released information similar to your request to another requestor.

In light of this, Waka Kotahi is releasing that information to you, in addition to your request for just correspondence between Waka Kotahi and CPB-HEB. Waka Kotahi believes that this information falls within the spirit of your request, in addition to meeting our requirement under the Act to provide requestors with a reasonable level of assistance. I can also confirm that no other correspondence has been exchanged between the Joint Venture and Waka Kotahi, that falls within the scope of your request.

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

- Attachment 1: Communications with CPB HEB
- Attachment 2: Communication with WGP

In line with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's privacy policy, our acknowledgement email of 14 July 2021 sought confirmation from you whether the names and contact details were required. Having not received a response from you, we have withheld them as outside of scope. The names of third parties not employed by Waka Kotahi have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order 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.

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.

In accordance with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager – Media, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz, or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Thackwray', is positioned above the printed name.

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