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REF: OIA-13275

Dear 

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

Thank you for your email of 7 August 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Any review of Waka Kotahi's additional Waitematā Harbour crossing work and/or recommendations by Treasury*
2. *Any review of Waka Kotahi's additional Waitematā Harbour crossing work and/or recommendations by Te Waihanga*
3. *Any advice/feedback/briefings provided by Treasury to Waka Kotahi as part of the additional Waitematā Harbour crossing work*
4. *Any advice/feedback/briefings provided by Te Waihanga to Waka Kotahi as part of the additional Waitematā Harbour crossing work*
5. *Any briefings from Te Waihanga to ministers on the additional Waitematā Harbour crossing work*
6. *Any briefings from Treasury to ministers on the additional Waitematā Harbour crossing work.*

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has not received any reviews, recommendations, advice or briefings from the Treasury on the Waitematā Harbour Connections (WHC) project. Therefore, I am refusing your request for this information under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Waka Kotahi received some feedback from Te Waihanga which is enclosed in the following document:

- OIA-13275 Attachment, 4 July 2023

Some information in this document is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) 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.

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.

I understand that you have contacted Te Waihanga and the Treasury with these questions, and they will respond to you separately with information that they hold.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Kaity Alexander, Media Manager, by email to [Kaity.alexander@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Kaity.alexander@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Elston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Robyn Elston**  
National Manager System Design