

28 March 2023



REF: OIA-12093

Dear 

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

Thank you for your email of 23 February 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Information relating to any communications, information and/or meetings between NZTA and KiwiRail regarding the road closure at the level railway crossing at the southern end of Telephone Road on State Highway 1B east of Hamilton; since 1 January 2022.*
- *Information relating to any communications, information and/or meetings between NZTA and Waikato District Council regarding the road closure at the level railway crossing at the southern end of Telephone Road on State Highway 1B east of Hamilton; since 1 January 2022.*
- *Information relating to any consultation that NZTA has undertaken, or will undertake, with the local community regarding the road closure at the level railway crossing at the southern end of Telephone Road on State Highway 1B east of Hamilton; since 1 January 2022.*

On 7 March 2023, you agreed to refine your request to the date range 1 March 2022 to 30 April 2022. On 4 April 2023, we wrote to you to advise of a 10-working day extension to the timeframe for response under the Act. On 19 April 2023, we wrote to confirm a decision on your request and committed to provide you with the documents without undue delay.

I will address each part of your request in turn.

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- ***Information relating to any communications, information and/or meetings between NZTA and Waikato District Council regarding the road closure at the level railway crossing at the southern end of Telephone Road on State Highway 1B east of Hamilton; since 1 January 2022.***

A total of 29 documents have been identified as within the scope of these parts of your request. The documents (1 to 29) are listed in the document schedule appended to this response. These documents are released subject to the withholding of some information 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.

- ***Information relating to any consultation that NZTA has undertaken, or will undertake, with the local community regarding the road closure at the level railway crossing at the southern end of Telephone Road on State Highway 1B east of Hamilton; since 1 January 2022.***

Four documents have been identified as within the scope of this part of your request (refer documents 30 to 33 of the document schedule). These documents are released to you in full.

These documents relate to the invitation for feedback and public drop-in session held on 27 June 2022. The invitation letter was dropped in mailboxes and emailed to the contact list for this project. The A0 boards were presented at the drop-in session. Approximately 150 people attended the drop-in session and 70 post-it notes with feedback were received along with spoken feedback heard by Waka Kotahi representatives at the event. Feedback was collated in the Summary of Engagement Sentiment document (refer document 32 in schedule). The project team met after the public event to discuss the feedback collated and team members shared feedback that had been given orally.

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](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 us at [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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**OIA-12093 Document Schedule**

Ref	Document	Date	Withholding grounds
1.	FW: Photos telephone road rail strike	28 March 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
2.	RE: Photos telephone road rail strike (attached to 1 above)	25 March 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
3.	RE: Photos telephone road rail strike	29 March 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
4.	Fwd_ Photos telephone road rail strike	31 March 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
5.	(Maps)	31 March 2022	
6.	RE: Broken rail incident Hamilton - Eureka 24th March 2022	25 March 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
7.	1622716 – Seddon Road 30cm piece of Rail	25 March 2022	
8.	RE: Broken rail incident Hamilton - Eureka 24th March 2022	25 March 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
9.	RE: Photos telephone road rail strike	29 March 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
10.	RE_ Photos telephone road rail strike	31 March 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
11.	RE_ SH1B east of Hamilton closed_ detour in place	1 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
12.	FW_ MEDIA RELEASE_ SH1B East of Hamilton closed - detour in place	1 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
13.	RE_ Photos telephone road rail strike	4 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
14.	RE_ SH1B Telephone Road Detour Condition	11 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
15.	SH1B Telephone Road rail crossing	11 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)

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16.	RE_ MEDIA RELEASE_ SH1B East of Hamilton closed - detour in place	11 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
17.	RE_ SH1B Telephone Rd Closure with detour on WDC local roads	11 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
18.	SH1B Telephone Rd Rail xing Meeting	13 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
19.	Meeting Notes attached from_ SH1B Telephone Road rail crossing meeting 13 April 2022	14 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
20.	Re_ SH1B Road Closure -a sign and barrier arm have been hit	21 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
21.	SH1B Telephone Rd rail crossing	22 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
22.	Draft letter to residents	22 April 2022	
23.	Draft media release	22 April 2022	
24.	RE_ Telephone Rd ALCAM ranking	26 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
25.	Draft media release	26 April 2022	
26.	SH1B Telephone Road	27 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
27.	Draft letter to residents	27 April 2022	
28.	MEDIA RELEASE_ SH1B Telephone Road Closure Extended	27 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
29.	RE_ SH1B Telephone Road	28 April 2022	Section 9(2)(a)
30.	SH1B public invitation	21 June 2022	
31.	FINAL 22-250 SH1B Telephone Road Rail Crossing A0 boards	27 June 2022	
32.	Telephone Road Community Engagement sentiment report	27 June 2022	
33.	Telephone Road All Comments	27 June 2022	