

22 May 2023

Reporter [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@stuff.co.nz

REF: OIA-12540

Dear [REDACTED]

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

Thank you for your email dated 27 April 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please provide all communications, memos, photos and reports regarding the machinery fault which delayed the opening of Auckland's northern motorway following night works on 26 April, 2023.*

*<https://twitter.com/WakaKotahiAkNth/status/1650930875066884120>*

The attached document contains all information held by Waka Kotahi in scope of your request. The advice leading to the public notification of the road opening delay was by phone, so no further documentation is held in respect of this.

As staff names have not been requested, these have been marked as out of scope in the attached document.

A staff phone number has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section provides 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.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold the staff member's phone number. 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 'M. Kinvig', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

**Mark Kinvig**

National Manager Infrastructure Delivery