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Radio New Zealand

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Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 2 June 2023 requesting the following information relating to the Auckland Harbour Bridge under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). I will answer each of your questions in turn.

1. The most up to date, if any, record, report or other that includes costings re any options to take the sway out (related to the 2010 report or not)

The following document falls in scope of this part of your request and is enclosed:

- AHB Box Girder Vibration Damper Investigation – 9 December 2011.

Certain information in this report has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act 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.

2. Any record, report, or other around any decision/s not to proceed with the 2010 options, or any other of the above options to take the sway out i.e. that lets the public gain insight to why WK did not go ahead with it

There is no documentation of any decision not to proceed with implementing dampers for pedestrian use of the extension bridges. The damping is only required if the extension bridge is to be used for walking.

Therefore, I am refusing your request for this information under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

3. The most substantive record, report or other re how the swaying related to the SkyPath, i.e. that explains in full what the emails already released mean when they say as underlined on 2 March 2022 “This was one of the key considerations for SkyPath and a very high level assessment of possible damper solutions was carried out some”

The only report related to extension bridge vibration dampers is provided to you in response to part 1 of your request. There were no specific reports in relation to how the box girder vibrations related to the SkyPath.

Therefore, I am refusing your request for this information under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold some information and partially refuse your request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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

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.

Yours sincerely



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