

26 July 2023

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REF: OIA-12942

Dear ██████

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 20 June 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

could I please have, pursuant to the OIA copies, of the last, say six, certificates generated by the required inspections that pertain to SH25A. I certainly do not want to sound like I know what I am talking about with these complex documents, but it does appear there is a requirement to regularly inspect and maintain, (of particular interest to me), the culverts and to supply a written record of this regular inspection, (S5.20.1(c) 1st Schedule Special Conditions of Contract), although I confess I am unable to describe the frequency of these inspections. Possibly monthly.

Culverts are only inspected yearly, while culverts in vulnerable flooding areas are inspected every two months. State Highway 25A (SH25A) is not part of the vulnerable drainage assessment and is therefore only required to be inspected yearly by the East Waikato Network Outcomes Contract (NOC) contractor, Higgins.

Due to the recent ongoing storms experienced in the Coromandel region, there has not been the regular cycle of inspections that the NOC requires (this would usually happen between March and June). This years' culvert inspections are currently underway, but the full report is not yet available.

Please see attached the last culvert inspection report, which details all 136 inspections on SH25A from 2022 and 2023 (i.e., the last full round of inspections, plus some that have been completed for this round).

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 Vic Joubert, Maintenance Contract Manager, Maintenance and Operations, by email to vikus.joubert@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Peter Brown', with a stylized, cursive script.

Peter Brown
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