

1 August 2023

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REF: OIA-13031

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

The May 2021 report Coastal Shipping Investment Approach Report 1 - State-of-Play states there will be 2 follow up reports ...

A second report on this project will summarise the information and views provided by coastal shipping stakeholders.

Please advise location of this report, or explain if it was not produced ...

A final report on this project will summarise the information from Reports One and Two and provide information on these key challenges facing the coastal shipping sector, the opportunities the sector has over the next 1 to 2 years, a view on the best medium-long term opportunities, and recommendations on principles and priorities that should guide investment decisions.

Please advise location of this report, or explain if it was not produced.

In accordance with your request, the second report, *Coastal Shipping Investment Approach Report 2 – Summary of Stakeholder Views*, is released to you, subject to redactions, and is enclosed with this response.

Certain information has been withheld in accordance with the following provisions of the Act:

- 9(2)(ba)(i) – to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied
- 9(2)(b)(ii) - protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information

- 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials

The third report, *Coastal Shipping Investment Approach Report 3 – Concluding Report*, will soon be published on the Waka Kotahi website at <https://nzta.govt.nz/resources/coastal-shipping-research/>. The report is expected to be published by the end of August 2023. As the information will soon be publicly available, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act. Certain information from this report is expected to be withheld consistent with sections 9(2)(ba)(ii) and 9(2)(b)(i) of the Act. Other withholding grounds may also apply.

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 on this 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, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact us by email to official.correspondece@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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