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REF: OIA-13162

Dear [REDACTED]

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

Thank you for your email of 23 July 2023 requesting the following information in relation to cameras for the Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth motorway under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- are these cameras all the responsibility of Waka Kotahi? If not, who are the other agencies involved?
- what do each of these cameras do ie what is the purpose of each?
- do the cameras capture any data? If so, what data is captured, who uses it and where is it stored?

I will answer your questions in turn.

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There are a range of cameras with different functions along the Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth motorway that are the responsibility of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and monitored by the Auckland Transport Operations Centre (ATOC). NX2, the Contractor responsible for designing, constructing, and maintaining the motorway under the Public Private Partnership arrangements, also operates cameras along the motorway, which are required for periodic network performance reporting to Waka Kotahi.

The functions and purposes of the various cameras operated by ATOC (on behalf of Waka Kotahi) are:

- Moveable cameras to monitor traffic conditions and verify the locations of incidents or queuing
- Cameras positioned at the four access gates which are used by maintenance crews and emergency services
- Fixed view web cameras which upload still images to the Waka Kotahi Journey Planner: [www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/traffic-cameras/auckland](http://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/traffic-cameras/auckland), to provide the public with live traffic updates
- Fixed view automated incident cameras.

- Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to capture origin-destination information and calculate travel times along the motorway.

**- do the cameras capture any data? If so, what data is captured, who uses it and where is it stored?**

The moveable cameras and those positioned at the four access gates are monitored by ATOC, which automatically records and retains footage for approximately 5 days before being overwritten with new footage. The fixed view web cameras (which can be blanked out by ATOC to prevent sensitive images being displayed to the public) and automated incident cameras do not record footage. ANPR cameras 'read' the number plates which are encoded within the cameras so individual number plates and personal information is not collected.

NX2 uses a system of ANPR cameras to capture Origin-Destination information which is required for periodic network performance reporting to Waka Kotahi. Information from this system is anonymized (to prevent identification of personal information), and footage is not recorded.

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

Yours sincerely



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