

28 November 2019

s 9(2)(a)

REF: OIA-6050

Dear s 9(2)

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

Thank you for your email of 5 November 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like to request copies of any business cases for the Cambridge to Piarere section of SH1.*

*These might include those produced under the previous or current GPS.*

*See below as an example:*

*The two business cases were approved in 2015 by the NZTA board - \$8 million for two Business Cases (\$1.50 million for a detailed business case for short term improvements and \$6.5 million for an indicative/detailed business case for long term improvements) for the Transport Agency's SH1 Cambridge to Piarere Improvements project.*

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- Attachment 1: Programme Business Case 2015
- Attachment 2: Single Stage Business Case December 2016
- Attachment 3: Indicative Business Case Options Report SH1 Cambridge to Piarere (C2P) Long Term Improvements, 12 May 2017. This report describes the option development and evaluation phase of the Cambridge to Piarere Indicative Business Case (IBC)

A further document, being the Detailed Business Case (DBC) for Long Term Improvements is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding information to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by the NZ Transport Agency in the course of their duty. The Transport Agency had been working on the detailed business case when work was suspended mid 2018 to allow for re-evaluation to assess alignment with the Government Policy Statement 2018. Although the re-evaluation was completed and affirmed the direction for the project to proceed and complete the Detailed Business Case, work has not resumed pending funding and thus the business case has not yet been finalised.

Certain information in the attached documents 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.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

In accordance with the Transport Agency policy, this response will be published on our website shortly.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Michelle Te Wharau, Principal Safety Engineer, by email to [Michelle.TeWharau@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Michelle.TeWharau@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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