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Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 16 November 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

MIN-3700 Engagement with Dominion Road Business Association
MINO-0288 Update on Transmission Gully: Access to workers
BRI-2294 Northern Pathway funding alternatives
MIN-3707 Northern Pathway: Further advice on Ferry option
MINO-0288 Update on the impact of Alert Level boundaries on Waka Kotahi projects: Critical material supply constraints and suppliers

A copy of *MIN-3700 Engagement with Dominion Road Business Association* has been enclosed. Certain information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

I am withholding *MINO-0288 Update on Transmission Gully: Access to workers* and *MINO-0288 Update on the impact of Alert Level boundaries on Waka Kotahi projects: Critical material supply constraints and suppliers* under section 9(2)(j) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

I am also withholding *BRI-2294 Northern Pathway funding alternatives* under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

MIN-3707 Northern Pathway: Further advice on Ferry option is available on the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency website at www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/nz-upgrade/proactive-release-of-nz-upgrade-programme-documents/. Therefore, this part of your request has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act because the information requested is publicly available.

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 some information and refuse part of your request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this matter further with Waka Kotahi, you are welcome to contact the Ministerial Services team by email at official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leisa Coley', with a small dot at the end.

Leisa Coley
Senior Manager, Government