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REF: OIA-10819

Dear [REDACTED]

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

Thank you for your email of 20 August 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*The Waka Kotahi board recently announced their refusal to trial a cycle lane on the Auckland Harbour bridge. The Board chairperson stated the reason was that a safety assessment was done and some detailed analysis was done.*

*Can you please provide me with these safety assessments and the detailed analysis that was presented to the board in order for them to make their decision.*

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is strongly committed to providing a network for walking and cycling in the Auckland region that is safe, accessible, and appealing. The Board has considered lane reallocation on the Auckland Harbour Bridge on a number of occasions. The most recent safety assessment, undertaken in 2022, identified a number of safety risks which would be created by the permanent reallocation of lanes for walking and cycling on the bridge. A copy of this safety assessment is provided to you as Attachment 1: AHB Shared Path safety assessment, 18 February 2022.

I am withholding some information in this document under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

The analysis of this safety assessment can be found in the AHB Judicial Review Reconsideration Investment and Delivery Committee paper, 17 August 2022, which was considered by the Waka Kotahi Board. I am refusing your request for this document under section 18(d) of the Act as the document is publicly available at:

[www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/media-releases/docs/20220819-ahb-judicial-review-reconsideration.pdf](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/media-releases/docs/20220819-ahb-judicial-review-reconsideration.pdf)

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 partially refuse your request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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 Ministerial Services by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Elston', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

**Robyn Elston**  
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