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Dear [REDACTED]

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

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. A copy of the minutes of Auckland Light Rail Establishment Unit board meetings in 2021 and 2022.*
- 2. Any formal reports which go into reasoning behind the chosen long list route options in the Auckland Light Rail indicative business case*
- 3. A copy of the appendices 1 to 26 and appendices 33 to 35 of the Auckland Light Rail indicative business case.*
- 4. What were the underlying assumptions behind the travel time estimates (e.g. speed, dwell time, etc) and station counts for the three short-listed light rail options? Can details about how the estimates were made please be released?*

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is responding to this request as the agency subject to the Act, while the Auckland Light Rail Establishment Unit resides within Waka Kotahi and operates independently.

I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act because the information you have requested will soon be publicly available.

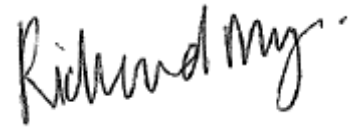
For context, the information you have requested in questions two and four of your request, is included as part of the appendices, which are set for release soon along with meeting minutes. I note however that no Establishment Unit Board Meetings have taken place in 2022.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to 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 NZ Transport Agency 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 black ink that reads "Richard May". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Richard May**

Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief Executive (on behalf of the Establishment Unit)