

5 September 2023

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REF: OIA-13372

Dear ██████████

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Our organisation has received information that Waka Kotahi is currently reducing, deferring or curtailing funding to KiwiRail for the next section of the Auckland urban rail rebuild, which was planned to include the section of line from Papakura to Otahuhu. We would also like to know if funding for the Papakura to Pukekohe electrification project has been reduced in any way. As advocates for those that use and want improved public transport services, we would sincerely hope that funding for these important projects has not been affected at this stage of the rebuilding process.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is not currently reducing, deferring, or curtailing funding to KiwiRail for the Auckland Rail Network Rebuild. At its August 2023 meeting, the Waka Kotahi Board approved \$75 million of additional funding for the project. Waka Kotahi will continue to pursue further funding options to enable KiwiRail to complete the rebuild works.

No decision was considered by the Waka Kotahi Board regarding the Papakura to Pukekohe electrification project and funding has not been reduced. We note that this project is not funded by Waka Kotahi through the National Land Transport Programme but by the Government through Crown funds as part of the New Zealand Upgrade Programme. Any changes to the funding envelope would be made by Ministers, not Waka Kotahi.

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.

Yours sincerely



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