

3 October 2023



REF: OIA-13622

Dear 

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

Thank you for your email of 11 September 2023 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) in relation to campsites at Turihaua and Pouawa and responsibility for those between Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Gisborne District Council. I will answer your questions in turn.

***1. May we meet with and receive the email addresses for the Waka Kotahi staff overseeing this predicament in Gisborne and the internal procedures mentioned below?***

Martin Colditz, System Manager for Hawke's Bay and Gisborne is the Waka Kotahi key contact in relation to the campsites at Turihaua and Pouawa. He can be contacted by email to [martin.colditz@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:martin.colditz@nzta.govt.nz).

***2. Please provide copies of all correspondence between Gisborne District Council and Waka Kotahi regarding the Turihaua and Pouawa freedom camping sites.***

The following 5 documents have been identified as within the scope of this part of your request:

- Letter: Seasonal Camping on Waka Kotahi Land – Pouawa and Turihaua, dated 17 August 2023
- Email: RE: Letter re Seasonal Camping Tairawhiti, dated 28 August 2023
- Email: Maps of Waka Kotahi Land Subject to Legislative Change - Seasonal Camping, dated 7 September 2023
- Letter: Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act, dated 12 September 2023
- Letter: NZT-8858 Response, dated 27 September 2023.

These documents are released to you subject to the withholding of certain information 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.

**3. Please provide correspondence confirming the Gisborne District Council has authority to manage the Turihaua and Pouawa freedom camping sites as indicated in their 2020 site assessments table.**

We have checked with relevant staff and undertook a targeted search of our records and have not been able to locate the information sought for this part of your request. As such, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, which applies where the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision on this 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 us by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacqui Hori-Hoult', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Jacqui Hori-Hoult**  
Acting National Manager Maintenance and Operations