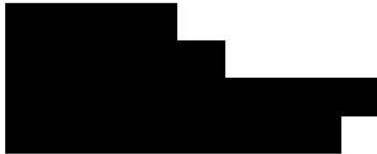


13 October 2023



REF: OIA-13634

Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your letter of 15 September 2023 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I note that your request references the purchase, by MOVE Logistics, of the Atlas Wind which provides a trans-Tasman freight service. I can confirm that the purchase and operation of the Atlas Wind by MOVE Logistics is unrelated to the funding allocated by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency through the Coastal Shipping activity class in the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

Waka Kotahi has not been involved in the purchase and operation of the Atlas Wind by MOVE Logistics and does not hold any documentation or communications in relation to the vessel or MOVE Logistics' dealings with MOE Oceans Singapore PTE Limited and Christabell Maritime PTE Limited.

The following provides responses to your specific requests:

... any communications held by Waka Kotahi regarding funding for MOVE Logistics and related parties including MOE Oceans Singapore PTE Limited and Christabell Maritime PTE Limited.

Documents relating to the details of the Request for Proposal submission, tender evaluation, and resulting Funding Agreement are withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

A summary of the MOVE Logistics proposal can be found here:

www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/planning-and-investment/nltp/2021/coastal-shipping-factsheets-move-ltd.pdf

Any documentation held by Waka Kotahi concerning employment or recruitment of seafarers by MOVE Logistics or associated entities as above.

The following document has been identified as within the scope of this part of your request:

- Attachment 1: email from MOVE Logistics to Waka Kotahi dated 24 August 2022, which contains an estimate of the number of seafaring jobs to be created by the NLTP funding for Coastal Shipping.

Certain information has been withheld from this document under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Any documentation held by Waka Kotahi regarding the use of foreign companies in the ownership and operations of New Zealand coastal shipping that has received Waka Kotahi funding.

Waka Kotahi does not hold any information within the scope of this part of your request. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act. This section allows Waka Kotahi to refuse a request where the information requested is not held by Waka Kotahi and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either held by another organisation or connected more closely with the functions of another organisation.

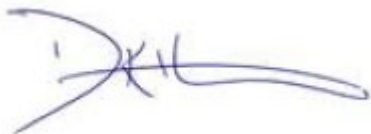
With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision on this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at 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 David Shepherd, Manager Rail and Freight, by email to david.shepherd@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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