

7 December 2023



REF: OIA-14031

Dear 

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

Thank you for your email of 9 November 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *The number of recorded instances of wandering stock over the past 5 years, broken down by year and by region (<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/rise-in-wandering-stock-on-state-highway-prompts-reminder/>) .*
2. *Any advice or reports prepared by or for Waka Kotahi on the issue of wandering stock over the past 3 years.*

*Also, if Waka Kotahi has any messaging or advice to offer truck drivers and road freight companies about managing the risk of wandering livestock, we would be happy to include that in the article and advisories we will send out to our members. Otherwise we can take quotes from existing media releases.*

The following document shows the number of recorded instances of wandering stock over the past five years and can be broken down by year and region:

- Attachment 1: OIA-14031 Wandering Stock Events

There has been one piece of key advice prepared by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency in the past 3 years. This piece of advice has been proactively published at the following link under Advice provided to Minister's in April 2023 entitled *MINO-696 Animals on the State Highway Network*.  
<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/advice-provided-to-ministers/>

As all information in scope of the second part of your request is publicly available am required to refuse that part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act because the information requested is publicly available.

Key messaging and advice is contained our media releases two of the more recent media releases on this issue are linked below:

- <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/hitting-a-cattle-beast-on-a-dark-mornings-drive-to-work-a-life-changing-event-for-a-southland-man/>
- <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/wandering-stock-in-tairawhiti-a-safety-concern/>

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Oldfield', is positioned above the printed name.

**Wayne Oldfield**

Senior Manager, Maintenance and Operations