

15 December 2023



REF: OIA-14032

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):

I understand there is a report on different options for the Otira gorge closure, and the consultation.

Can I see this? Does it have to be treated as an OIA?

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- OIA-14032 SH 73 Candys to Rock Shelter SMA

Please note that two of the parties in the Stakeholder Engagement Record are currently known by different names than what is listed as follows:

- West Coast District Health Board now sits under Te Whatu Ora
- Civil Defence in this area is known as West Coast Emergency Management.

Certain information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information 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.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. 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 Frances Adank, Media Manager, Southern, by email to frances.adank@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Oldfield', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Wayne Oldfield

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