

16 May 2024

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Deputy Political Editor
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REF: OIA-14995

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 25 March 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please release any written advice - and supporting information - provided to Ministers or their offices since the 2023 election relating to speed limit reductions.

On 25 March 2024, you clarified that your request was in respect of advice to the new government only.

Please find the attached document schedule outlining the documents in scope of your request.

Certain information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, and
- 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

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.

With respect to document 7, *MINO-920 Spending on speed management* (14 December 2023), please note that in the 2021-24 period, the normal Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) has been applied to Approved Organisations' speed limit reductions and speed management plans. In the 2018-21 period, a targeted enhanced FAR was set halfway between an Approved Organisation's normal FAR and 100%. It was capped at 90%.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) also provided advice on speed limit reductions in its briefing to the incoming Minister of Transport. A copy of the briefing is publicly available on the NZTA

website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/briefing-for-incoming-minister/briefing-to-the-incoming-minister-2023.pdf.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold some of the information you have requested. 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 NZTA, please contact Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager, Media, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V C Browne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and "C".

Vanessa Browne
National Manager Programme and Standards

OIA-14995 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Description
1.	BRI-2917 speed management plans - progress to date	12 December 2023	Redaction under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
2.	MIN-4356 - Update on C&E approach for approved speed limit changes in North Auckland and Northland	12 January 2024	Released in full.
3.	MIN-4392 Alternative Method Proposals	23 February 2024	Released in full.
4.	MINO-902 Selwyn Intersection Speed Zone	30 October 2023	Redactions under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.
5.	MINO-908 SH25A and Northland Speed Reviews	30 November 2023	Released in full.
6.	MINO-908 SH25A and Northland Speed Reviews update	5 December 2023	Released in full.
7.	MINO-920 Spending on speed management	14 December 2023	Released in full.
8.	MINO-951 Changes to Maungatapere speed limit	19 January 2024	Released in full.
9.	MINO-985 NAKL speed limit changes - collateral	13 February 2024	Redaction under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
10.	MINO-1008 [PROACTIVE] Nuhaka School (Gisborne) - Emergency speed limit implementation	7 March 2024	Released in full.
11.	Weekly report extract WE 15 December 2023	15 December 2023	Out of scope information removed.
12.	Weekly report extract WE 9 February 2024	9 February 2024	Out of scope information removed.
13.	Weekly report extract WE 16 February 2024	16 February 2024	Out of scope information removed.
14.	Weekly report extract WE 1 March 2024	1 March 2024	Out of scope information removed.

15.	Weekly report extract WE 22 March 2024	22 March 2024	Out of scope information removed.
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