

22 July 2024

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REF: OIA-15786

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 21 June 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

[...] Is there a relationship between the nzta and or personnel involved in O2nl, with the wire barrier erecting company? [...]

Given your request is about wire barrier installation on Foxton to Ohau Road, we understand that you are requesting information about the safety improvement projects in this area, rather than the Ōtaki to north of Levin new highway project (Ō2NL), which will start construction next year.

Following the design and review of the Ōtaki to Ohau and Levin to Foxton safety improvements and engagement with communities, robust procurement processes were followed to secure contractors for construction of the works. Wire rope barrier installation on these projects was carried out by a subcontractor to the main contractor.

There is no relationship between NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) and the contractor installing safety barriers. NZTA has a *Declarations of interest policy* which requires all staff and contractors to complete a declaration of interests annually. The policy also requires staff to disclose any changes to their conflicts of interest as soon as they become aware of them.

In line with NZTA 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 the Ministerial Services team, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Wiles', enclosed within a faint, light-colored rectangular border.

Peter Wiles

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