

10 June 2024

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REF: OIA-15366

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 10 May 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Re

<https://media.umbraco.io/te-waihanga-30-year-strategy/03vbqymv/transmission-gully-post-construction-review-executive-summary-and-insights-for-the-future.pdf>

“While the project team continue to administer the terms of the Transmission Gully PPP Contract to hold the parties to account for their existing completion and compliance obligations, the pathway to final completion and resolution of disputes will be complex. Our understanding from NZTA is that it is unlikely that the project will be completed by the current Consortium, and likely that NZTA will need to implement alternative arrangements in order to complete the project and then maintain and operate the road going forward.”

Pls release in full:

- *Any and all records from in 2024 that WK has engaged in any way with the Infra Commission over, with respect to the project’s completion and how that might transpire*

Pls note we are aiming to report accurately, comprehensively and with the latest info, and request WK respond to this OIA in that spirit, providing full info that allows the public to ascertain what has gone on here, why and what impact there is or might be on the public purse.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) has undertaken a review of correspondence with New Zealand Infrastructure Commission Te Waihanga regarding the completion of the Te Aranui o Te Rangihaeata/Transmission Gully project. This review has determined that there are no pieces of correspondence in scope of your request. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

NZTA continues to administer the Te Aranui o Te Rangihaeata/Transmission Gully Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract and hold the contractor (Wellington Gateway Partnership – WGP) and its construction sub-contractor CPB HEB JV to account for the remaining required works to be completed per the project's contracted standards. However, because litigation remains ongoing and these matters remain before the Courts, NZTA cannot give a timeframe for when the project may be completed.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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 Felix Marwick, Media Manager, by email to felix.marwick@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Robertson', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Andrew Robertson
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