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NZ Herald Wellington issues reporter
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REF: OIA-15795

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

BRI-3058 24/05/2024 Briefing on the Roads of National Significance
BRI-3062 31/05/2024 Announcement of revised concept design for State Highway 2 Melling Interchange
MIN-4477 3/05/2024 Demonstrated/forecast volumes of walking and cycling users
MIN-4486 9/05/2024 Capital Connection transitional funding options
MIN-4491 16/05/2024 Tolling Penlink
MIN-4495 16/06/2024 Ō2NL snail and lizard protection
MINO-1053 3/05/2024 State Highway 2, Melling
MINO-1069 21/05/2024 Speed Limits Outside of Schools
MINO-1085 31/05/2024 Budget 2024 advice for local councils in Greater Wellington and Northland/Far North

I have enclosed the documents in scope of your request as outlined in the document schedule at the end of this letter.

In respect of document 4, *MIN-4495 Ō2NL snail and lizard protection*, please note that work is ongoing, and the approach and associated costs are not yet finalised.

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

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
- 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials,
- 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, and

- 9(2)(j) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

I am refusing your request for *MIN-4477 3/05/2024 Demonstrated/forecast volumes of walking and cycling users* under section 18(d) of the Act which provides for refusal when the information requested is or will soon be publicly available. NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) and the Ministry of Transport are working on proactively releasing all advice used in the development of the Government Policy Statement (GPS) on land transport. This advice is expected to be released on our respective websites within the next eight weeks.

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 and refuse parts of your 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 Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager, Media, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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National Manager Government Relations

OIA-15795 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Description
1.	BRI 3058 - Briefing on the Roads of National Significance	24 May 2024	Redactions under s9(2)(a), s9(2)(f)(iv) and s9(2)(g)(i).
2.	BRI-3062 Announcement of revised concept design for State Highway 2 Melling Interchange	31 May 2024	Redactions under s9(2)(a).
3.	MIN-4486 Capital Connection transitional funding options	9 May 2024	Released in full.
4.	MIN-4491 Tolling Penlink	16 May 2024	Redactions under s9(2)(f)(iv) and s9(2)(j).
5.	MIN-4495 Ō2NL snail and lizard protection	17 May 2024	Released in full.
6.	MINO-1053 State Highway 2, Melling	3 May 2024	Released in full.
7.	MINO-1069 Speed Limits Outside of Schools	21 May 2024	Released in full.
8.	MINO-1085 Budget 2024 advice for local councils in Greater Wellington and Northland and Far North	31 May 2024	Released in full.