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REF: OIA-15858

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

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

All correspondence between Kiwirail and NZTA in the last 16 weeks relating to the Rangitata River Road Bridge (SH1) in Mid/South Canterbury.

By correspondence I mean email and messages, whether they be text messages or other internet-based messages such as iMessage, Microsoft Teams, WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram or the like. Please include all email and message attachments, whether they be in full or draft form. Please include the full email and message "trail" so the context can be understood. Please also include any photos or videos.

Five email chains and accompanying attachments are in scope of your request and have been attached for your reference.

Temporary works have now been completed to repair the damaged pile on Rangitata River Road Bridge, and the road is open as normal with permanent repairs due to begin in mid-August 2024.

You will note that the names and contact details of some individuals are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make this information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision on 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 NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA), please contact Ministerial Services by email at official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "AD Clark". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Andrew Clark

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