

26 August 2024

s9(2)(a)

REF: OIA-16072

Dear s9(2)(a)

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your query of 2 August 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Would you be able to provide design documents proving that extending the Melling Line was taken into account, and adequate provisions provided for, in this interchange design?*

The New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) are currently working through the Interim Project Alliance Agreement, which includes an opportunity for greater innovation and finalising the revised concept design for the new Melling Interchange.

The design concept allows for the railway line to be extended north in the future through ensuring that no critical infrastructure is placed where a future tunnel could be constructed and that the interchange could support changes that would be needed for the line extension. The southbound off-ramp has also been designed to allow for future extension of the railway without restructuring the interchange. However, it is important to note that delivery of a railway line north of the new Melling station is not within the scope for the Melling transport improvements project, nor Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi.

Attached are the latest concept designs which show that future extension of the Melling Line has been taken into account with the design of the new interchange. Please note that a detailed design process has not yet taken place, and that the attached are concepts only and are subject to change.

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 Ministerial Services by email at [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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