

2 October 2024

s9(2)(a)

REF: OIA-16175

Dear s9(2)(a)

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

...any formal reports, briefings, memorandums, or technical notes held by NZTA and which focus specifically on the East-West Link please be provided? To prevent the search from being too voluminous, I would like to only request for documents produced in the past eight months (this year).

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- Attachment 1: *MINO-941 East-West Link Board of Inquiry process*, 13 February 2024
- Attachment 2: *Internal Memo - Update on East West Link Supreme Court Decision*, 12 April 2024
- Attachment 3: *East West Link*, undated.

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

- s9(2)(ba)(i) and (ii) – to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information
 - (i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or
 - (ii) would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest
- s9(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
- s9(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 public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

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 parts of the information. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Elston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robyn Elston
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