

9 October 2024

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REF: OIA-16237

Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 21 August 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

All written advice prepared by Waka Kotahi, in briefings, emails, or other communication to support or inform the draft second Emissions Reduction Plan, including advice to the Ministry of Transport or other entities. This includes advice and/or information on:

- *Policies that were included in the draft plan*
- *Policies that weren't included in the draft plan*
- *Previous Emissions Reduction Plan policies or work programmes that were stopped.*

In your email of 28 August 2024, you clarified that the timeframe for your request was from 1 January 2023, and that you are looking for advice that NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) has prepared for any transport minister or their offices, the Ministry of Transport or other entities such as the Climate Change Commission or the Ministry for the Environment, our executives and the NZTA Board.

The following document contains information that falls within the scope of your request and is enclosed:

- OIA-16237 emails and documents

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

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 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 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 this 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 the Ministerial Services team, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Hannaby', written over a horizontal line.

Rob Hannaby
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