

25 October 2024

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REF: OIA-16420

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 13 September 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Tolling Assessment for Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatū-Tararua and any associated reports and advice*
- *Tolling Assessment for Ōtaki-Levin and any associated reports and advice*

The documents in the appended schedule fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed.

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

- Section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) which allows for the withholding of information to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) which allows for the withholding of information 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.
- Section 9(2)(h) to maintain legal privilege.
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- Section 9(2)(j) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

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.

Please note, Document 15 in the document schedule is withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).

Documents 17, 20, 22 and 23 are refused under section 18(d) of the Act as they are publicly available. The tolling assessments for the two tolling proposals and related documents are located on the NZTA website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act/official-information-act-responses/#.

Specifically, please find:

- “Tolling assessments for Te Ahu a Turanga and Ōtaki to North of Levin Highway (Ō2NL)” published on 24 September 2024
- “Te Ahu a Turanga and Ōtaki to north of Levin tolling proposals and reports” published on 30 September 2024.

Documents 18, 19, and 21 are also refused under section 18(d) as the final information brochures and maps are available on the following tolling consultation pages:

- www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/otaki-to-north-of-levin/docs/o2nl-tolling-consultation-brochure.pdf.
- www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/takitimu-north-link/docs/tnl-tolling-consultation-brochure.pdf.
- www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/te-ahu-a-turanga/tur-tolling-consultation-brochure.pdf.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold information and refuse part of this 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 the Ministerial Services team, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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OIA-16420 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Description
1.	Attachment 1 - BRI-3099 - Public consultation on three proposed tolling schemes	19 August 2024	Certain information is being withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(i), 9(2)(h) and 9(2)(f)(iv).
2.	Attachment 2 - Excerpt from Minister_Brown_Weekly_Report_WC_2_September_2024_-_NZTA	6 September 2024	Released in full.
3.	Attachment 3 - Excerpt from Weekly_Report_week_ending_5_July	5 July 2024	Released in full.
4.	Attachment 4 - MIN-4614 - Timeline for communications before tolling consultation	23 August 2024	Released in full.
5.	Attachment 5 - MINO-1155 - update to BRI-3099 30 August	28 August 2024	Released in full.
6.	Attachment 6 - Key messages and Q and As	22 August 2024	Released in full.
7.	Attachment 7 - 11.3.1 Attachment 1 - Project map May 2024	16 May 2024	Released in full.
8.	Attachment 8 - 06. Tolling Programme Decisions June 2024	18 June 2024	Certain information is withheld under sections 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(h) and 9(2)(b)(ii).
9.	Attachment 9 - 06.1 Attachment 1 - Takitimu North Link indicative programme June 2024	18 June 2024	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
10.	Attachment 10 - 06.2 Attachment 2 - Tolling status update June 2024	18 June 2024	Released in full.
11.	Attachment 11 - 04. Tolling programme decisions July 2024	26 July 2024	Certain information is withheld under

			sections 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i) and 9(2)(j).
12.	Attachtment 12 - 04.1 Attachment 1 - Min Briefing 1912 - Road tolling recommendations July 2024	26 July 2024 / 1 April 2020	Certain information is withheld under section 9(2)(a).
13.	Attachment 13 - 04.2 Attachment 2 - Tolling ranges July 2024	26 July 2024	Released in full.
14.	Attachment 14 - 04.3 Attachment 3 - Otaki to north of Levin toll scheme July 2024	26 July 2024	Released in full.
15.	Excerpt - 08. Transport Services funding and operational decisions April 2024	17 April 2024	Withhold in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
16.	Ō2NL Tolling Study Report_v2	4 July 2022	Refused under section 18(d).
17.	O2NL_Outputs_15.07.24_ToNZTA	15 July 2024	Refused under section 18(d).
18.	O2NL_Tolling consultation doc_DRAFT	September 2024	Refused under section 18(d).
19.	Taktitimu_Tolling consultation doc_DRAFT	September 2024	Refused under section 18(d).
20.	Te Ahu a Turanga Tolling Assessment Report	23 July 2024	Refused under section 18(d).
21.	Te Ahu a Turanga_Tolling consultation doc_DRAFT	September 2024	Refused under section 18(d).
22.	2024 Draft O2NL Tolling Assessment Summary v0.4 Final_(004)	2024	Refused under section 18(d).
23.	202408 Te Ahu a Turanga Tolling Assessment Final	August 2024	Refused under section 18(d).