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REF: OIA-16428

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):

*Copies of any the Minister's reports, documents, minutes, briefing notes, memoranda, correspondence, legal advice, aide memoires, texts or emails, both internal and external mentioning the introduction of tolls on the Te Ahu a Turanga – Manawatū Tararua Highway– dated up to May 2024. This includes drafts, appendices and attachments.  
The information sought in this request is to be used as part of reporting about the highway.*

In our subsequent emails with you seeking clarification, on 14 October 2024, you specified that you wanted to receive the "200 emails" between 1 January 2019 and 31 May 2024 that were potentially in scope of your request. A review of emails that were potentially in scope of your request was subsequently undertaken, and the following documents in the appended document 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)(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 department or organisation in the course of their duty; and
- Section 9(2)(h) – to maintain legal professional privilege.

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](http://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 Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media, by email to [andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto: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**  
National Manager System Design

**OIA-16428 Document Schedule**

Ref	Document	Date	Decision on release
1.	FW: Te Ahu a Turanga (Manawatu-Tararua Highway) tolling question for legal opinion	10 May 2019	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(h).
2.	RE: Te Ahu a Turanga - have you got time to assist with a transport modelling question?	14 June 2019	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i).
3.	RE: Toll assessment for Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway (3)	20 June 2019	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
4.	RE: Toll assessment for Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway (2)	25 July 2019	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
5.	RE: Toll assessment for Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway	25 July 2019	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
6.	RE: Te Ahu a Turanga - toll assessment (2)	12 August 2019	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i).
7.	RE: Te Ahu a Turanga - toll assessment (5)	12 August 2019	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i).
8.	RE: Te Ahu a Turanga - toll assessment	13 September 2019	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i).
9.	Info for meeting this morning and attachment	16 January 2020	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
10.	Te Ahu a Turanga - Tolling Assessment and attachment	30 January 2020	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
11.	RE: Te Ahu a Turanga - toll assessment (3), and attachment	24 February 2020	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
12.	Re: Te Ahu a Turanga - Tolling Assessment	14 March 2020	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
13.	RE: Te Ahu a Turanga - toll assessment	16 March 2020	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).

14.	Tolling Programme Weekly Update: 24 - 30 October excerpt	23 October 2020	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
15.	Tolling programme weekly update: 9 - 13 November excerpt	6 November 2020	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
16.	FW: How's this?	28 May 2024	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
17.	20200226 Te Ahu a Turanga Tolling Attachment Three Assessment Summary	28 May 2024	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
18.	Manawatu gorge para	28 May 2024	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
19.	RE: Tolling- Go Live Milestones for Beth.pptx	28 May 2024	Released in full.
20.	RE: Tolling	28 May 2024	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
21.	Te Ahu a Turanga - Tolling Assessment - FINAL Traffic and Revenue Calcs (with Cars and HCVs separated for Saddle Rd and Pa.xlsx and attachment	28 May 2024	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
22.	RE: Te Ahu A Turanga Tolling	30 May 2024	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i).
23.	Te Ahu a Turanga - Tolling assessment - Traffic and Revenue Calcs 17 Feb 2020.xlsx and attachment	31 May 2024	Released in full.