

15 November 2024

s9(2)(f)(iv)

REF: OIA-16751

Dear s9(2)(f)(iv)

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 22 October 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. Detailed text messages between Twyford and Roche between 2018-2020 regarding the 'twin track process'. This may contain discussions about the NZInfra (made up of the NZ Superfund and CDPQ) light rail proposal, the NZTA proposal, and the result of the 'twin track' process.*
- 2. Any emails or correspondence discussing light rail between 2018-2020.*

To provide context for this response, Sir Briane Roche began his term as Chair of the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) Board on 11 June 2019. As such, we treated your request as being for communications and correspondence for the time period Sir Brian was Chair, through to 31 December 2020.

I am refusing the first part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. NZTA has confirmed that no such messages between Sir Brian Roche and the then-Minister of Transport, Hon Phil Twyford, could be located.

In relation to the second part of your request, the following documents fall within the scope and are released to you in full:

- Attachment 1: 9.12.2019 Letter to NZTA Chair Sir Brian regarding additional funding to support the Auckland Light Rail project – 9 December 2019
- Attachment 2: NZT-4586 Hon Phil Twyford – BOARD – 19 December 2019.

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 'Jackie Smith', is positioned above the printed name.

Jackie Smith

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