

8 September 2022

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REF: OIA-10773

Dear Tim

### **Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 16 August 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like to request the location of the "secret" mobile phone detection cameras. I do not believe that you have grounds to withhold this under section 6(c) as you have publicly stated that the cameras will not be used to issue infringement notices.*

*I would also like to know the make & model of the cameras that are being used and who is supplying them.*

The cameras used in this trial are supplied by an Australian company named Acusensus. The specific camera system used for this trial is known as the Acusensus Heads Up Solution.

I am continuing to withhold the location of the safety cameras under section 6(c) of the Act, as releasing the information will prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, and detection of offences.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is trialling the safety cameras to get a better understanding of how many people drive while using their mobile phones and don't wear their seatbelts, both of which are offences. The trial will be used to develop a strategy to reduce this offending in the future.

The locations have not been publicly disclosed in order to ensure that people don't alter their behaviour in the immediate vicinity of the cameras. This would affect the accuracy of the trial results and prejudice the ability of Waka Kotahi to implement a strategy to prevent or reduce this offending in the future.

A prevention strategy could include a number of elements including education and generating media coverage on the scope and risks of this behaviour. The trial has already generated media coverage and provided the opportunity to educate the public on the risks of this behaviour.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to continue to withhold part of the information requested. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact our Ministerial Services team by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Marsh', written in a cursive style.

**Fabian Marsh**  
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