

10 September 2019

Lance O'Riley fyi-request-10975-2d52d373@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr O'Riley

I refer to your request dated 13 August 2019, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), seeking:

"Please provide any correspondence or communication which mentions, refers to, alludes to or is in connection to the Lets get Wellington moving letter sent from Associate Minister Julie Anne Genter to Phil Twyford. Please note that this request is not requesting the content of the letter, but only communications which relate to it either directly or indirectly."

One email chain between two Ministry of Transport officials falls within the scope of your request and is enclosed.

The attached email has redactions made under the following Act provisions:

section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of a natural person.

It is common for officials to share media reports on topics that they are working on or interested in. This is reflected in the one document we have released to you. We have excluded automatically generated newsfeeds with links to common media reports about Let's Get Wellington Moving as they have no additional commentary or information than what is already available.

We have searched the broad correspondence of the entire Ministry using relevant search criteria and have not found any additional information that is associated with the letter.

In regard to the information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am of the opinion that there are no countervailing considerations that make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you will be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint about the withholding of information to the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely

Bryn Gandy

Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy and Investment

Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982

From: Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2019 10:02 AM To: Subject: Re: In case you've not seen this
Nah I haven't
From: Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 9:58:48 AM To: Subject: RE: In case you've not seen this
Any chance you've seen said letter?
From: @transport.govt.nz> Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2019 9:49 AM To: @transport.govt.nz> Subject: Re: In case you've not seen this
Thanks . I hadn't seen this one yet. Interesting.
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 9:36:18 AM To: Subject: In case you've not seen this Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982
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