

1 September 2019

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Ref. OIA-5696

Dear Barry

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

Thank you for your email of 28 August 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like to request under the OIA any correspondence (including but not limited to text messages, emails, messages through messaging apps) between NZTA staff and the office of Chris Bishop MP between 1 May 2019 and today (28/08/2019). By office I also mean to include the MP himself and his staff.*

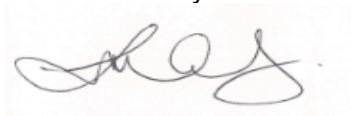
On 20 September 2019, the NZ Transport Agency extended the timeframe for responding to your request.

There are 8 documents in scope of your request. This information was compiled from searches of the official correspondence mailbox, the Transport Agency Board secretariat mailbox and the mailbox of the Regional Director – Lower North Island. The names of the documents and my decision regarding their release are in the document schedule attached. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. I do not consider that it is in the public interest to make this information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. You can find the contact details for the Ombudsman at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Ministerial Services by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



**Leisa Coley**  
Manager, Ministerial Services

Appendix 1 – Document Schedule

<b>REF</b>	<b>Document name</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	Email - NZT-3873 Email and attached letter – 15 May 2019	Released in full.
2	Email - Fwd: NZTA's proposed road layout changes between State Highway 2 Pomare Rd/Wairere Rd and Grounsell Crescent intersections – 10 May 2019	Information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. Out of scope information has been redacted.
3	Email - NZT-3934 response and attachment – 21 May 2019 (note that this response is related to document 2)	Released in full.
4	Email - RE: Public meeting – Melling. May 27, 7pm. – 24 May 2019	Out of scope information has been redacted.
5	Letter - CE Business Central, MP Chris Bishop, Mayor for Lower Hutt and Mayor for Upper Hutt – 29 May 2019	Released in full.
6	Email - Meeting with NZTA – Friday 2 August – MVT-0015 and attached Hutt Valley Update – 8 August 2019	Released in full.
7	Email - Letter for Emma Speight (email and attached letter dated 14 August 2019). – 20 August 2019	Information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
8	Email - Joint letter for Chris Bishop and Ginny Andersen – 27 August 2019	Information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. Out of scope information has been redacted.
9	Email - Transmission Gully visit (NZT-4274/MVT0033) and attached letter – 2 September 2019	Information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.