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Dear Donna

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

Thank you for your email of 28 November 2013 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- Estimates for the annual maintenance costs of the Transmission Gully project over the projected 25 year lifetime of the public-private partnership were this maintenance to be done by NZTA.
- If these costs are not in 2020 dollars (as estimates for this project have been), the inflation index figures you have used to calculate 2020 dollar amounts.

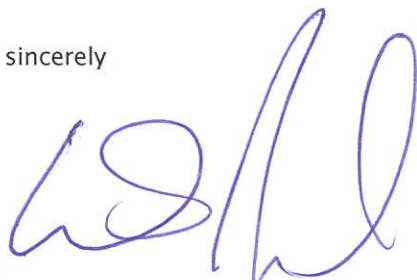
The Transport Agency will be entering into negotiations with the preferred bidder for the Transmission Gully project and if those negotiations are successful, award the public private partnership contract for the project by mid-2014. It is, therefore, not possible to make the figure you have requested public as this would jeopardise the Transport Agency's position in the negotiation process that will be entered into with the preferred bidder. Accordingly we are refusing your request under section 9(2)(j) of the Official Information Act, to enable the Transport Agency to undertake negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

With respect to the decision to decline your request, 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(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to decline your request. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen  
PO Box 10152  
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Yours sincerely



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For Chief Executive