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REF: OIA-8214

Dear Matthew

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your e-mail of 31 May 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

...I request all information held by Waka Kotahi NZTA about the incident on Auckland Harbour Bridge on Sunday 30 May, prior to, during and after the incident...

In particular, I am interested in what advance warning Waka Kotahi or any of its directors, employees, consultants or other agents had of the incident, and what actions were taken to encourage, deter, facilitate or prevent the incident.

On 1 June you refined your request as follows:

...I will limit my request to information generated or received only since 12.01 am on Tuesday 25 May, 2021...

Please find attached a copy of the correspondence received and sent by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency from 12.01am on Tuesday 25 May 2021 relating to prior notice received of the 'Liberate the Lane' event on Auckland Harbour Bridge on Sunday 30 May 2021.

Certain information has been withheld under Section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. NZ Police led the operational support for the event. I understand you have submitted a similar request to them and any information relating to that aspect of the response should be addressed by that agency.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, 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 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, please contact the Ministerial Services team by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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