

26 August 2022

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REF: OIA-10639

Dear Richard

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

Thank you for your email of 27 July 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I understand that as part of the Te Ahu a Turanga – Manawatū Tararua Highway that a new shared path is being provided parallel to this road. Please can you provide drawings showing the horizontal alignment, cross-section, elevation and long-section of the proposed path.*

*Where the proposed path is adjacent to the new road please can you provide details of the separation and details of the protection measures that will be provided.*

*If cycling is to be permitted on the new Te Ahu a Turanga – Manawatū Tararua Highway please can you also provide horizontal alignment, cross-section, elevation and long-section of the proposed road.*

*Given that the area is a well-established for wind energy harvesting please can you also provide any assessments that have been undertaken related to the risk to users of the shared path to wind.*

In accordance with your request please find enclosed *Detailed Design Report - Shared Use Path - 210128 (ID 2388) (1)*. This document contains the answers to the first two parts of your request.

I have also enclosed the *Detailed Design Report - Geometrics - Mainline - 201114 (ID 1997)*, which shows the design off Te Ahu Turanga – Manawatu Tararua Highway.

Some information has been withheld in these documents under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. Pages within these documents that are not in scope of your request have also been removed.

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.

During the consenting process for Te Ahu a Turanga, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency was instructed to provide a shared use path. As the shared path is a requirement a risk assessment in relation to wind has not been undertaken. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act because the document requested does not exist.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold some information and refuse part of your request. 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 Grant Kauri, Owner Interface Manager, by email to [grant.kauri@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:grant.kauri@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kinvig', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

**Mark Kinvig**

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