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Dear Phillip

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 13 September 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide details of the specifications for markings that are required for legal pedestrian crossings. In particular please comment on the legality of using markings other than white stripes.

The Land Transport Rule Traffic Control Devices 2004 (the Rule) sets out the legislation governing traffic control devices, including pedestrian crossings. To be legal, all pedestrian crossings must comply with clause 8.2 of the Rule, which outlines the legal specifications for the design, construction and installation of pedestrian crossings. The Rule is publicly available at the following link (refer to page 46 to 49): https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/rules/docs/traffic-control-devices-2004-as-at-19-may-2022.pdf

The Rule requires pedestrian crossings to be marked in reflectorised white, which contrast with the colour of the roadway. In principle, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency would not authorise any installation of pedestrian crossings in any other colour than white. However, this differs to the clause 5.6 of the Rule that regulates roadway art.

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

Yours sincerely

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