

21 August 2023

Ens-Rationis
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REF: OIA-13201

Dear Ens-Rationis

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 28 July 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide a list of companies, whether private or otherwise, conducting business by operating road toll services within Tauranga district, and the signed agreements between those parties and NZTA and other NZ government bodies.

Tolling is a revenue collection mechanism we may establish under the Land Transport Management Act 2003 which enables users of a road to contribute to its cost over time. Under section 46, revenue from tolling may be used to contribute towards the 'planning, design, supervision, construction, maintenance, or operation of a new road'.

We assess all new state highways and significant upgrades to existing state highways for tolling suitability. The assessment and approval process is outlined here - <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning-and-investment-knowledge-base/202124-nltp/202124-nltp-principles-and-policies/tolling-policy/>.

Where specialised expertise is required, we partner with organisations to help us deliver tolling. This includes things such as camera hardware, IT services, maintenance, and operations of roadside equipment, and to help us recover unpaid debt.

The following companies are partnered with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to deliver a range of tolling services on the Tauranga Eastern Link and Takitimu Drive Toll Road:

- Armitage
- Milton Graham
- Kapsch
- Inov8
- EPAY
- SICE

Please note that these engagements are commercial contracts and are covered by non-disclosure clauses therefore we won't be able to provide copies of any signed agreements.

I am therefore partially withholding the signed agreement aspect of your request under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. Section 9(2)(b)(ii) allows for the withholding of information to protect the

commercial position of the person who supplied the information or who is the subject of the information.

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 and refuse parts of this request. 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, please contact Ministerial Services, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Elston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robyn Elston

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