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Tēnā koe Ms Wayte

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982 (OIA) – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION -  
CHRISTCHURCH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED (CIAL)**

1. We write further to our email of 10 August 2023, acknowledging receipt of your OIA request (the **Request**) of 08 August 2023 to CIAL seeking the following information:

**Request - Received 08 August 2023 – Meetings with Mana Whenua**

*“Please provide the number of meetings held with mana whenua groups during the Tarras project including number of meetings and the months these meetings were held summarised in the following groups:*

*Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT)*

*Awarua Rūnaga*

*Hokonui Rūnaga*

*Makaawhio Rūnaga*

*Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaga*

*Waihopai Rūnaga*

*Any other Papatipu Rūnaga*

*Any other groups.”*

2. CIAL will provide you with the requested information where it is able. However, you will note within this letter that it is occasionally unable to release requested information if it would prejudice or disadvantage CIAL’s commercial activities. Before we answer your specific queries, it may be helpful to provide some context to this.
3. Please note, CIAL’s approach to engagement, information on which can be found at its dedicated Project website at <https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/>. CIAL is under no legal obligation to consult in relation to the Project or otherwise publicly engage at present. To assist public understanding of the context of the Project and CIAL’s decisions, CIAL has committed to respectfully engaging with the community and proactively publishing information as it completes pieces of work.

4. As you may be aware, CIAL is a council-controlled trading organisation that has been specifically established to operate and manage its business as an independent commercial undertaking for the purposes of making a profit, and to follow generally accepted commercial practices and disciplines. CIAL is not a public body collecting and spending public funds. It operates as a wholly commercial, standalone entity. Due to the size and scale of those activities it is one of only three major airports in New Zealand regulated under Part 4 of the Commerce Act 1986.
5. Notwithstanding this, CIAL has met with a number of different individuals and entities, including specific representatives of community groups, business groups, businesses, and local authorities, including Mana Whenua who have a relationship with the Central Otago region.
6. Te Rūnanga of Ngāi Tahu is made up of the 18 member Papatipu Rūnanga. CIAL has met with Rūnanga Representatives and member Papatipu Rūnanga in relation to the Project as follows:

September 2020	Hui with Ūpoko Rūnanga from Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou, Kāti Huirapa Rūnanga ki Puketeraki and Te Rūnanga o Moeraki
December 2020	Hui with Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou at Ōtākou marae
March 2021	Hui with representatives of Kāti Huirapa Rūnanga and ki Puketeraki Te Rūnanga o Moeraki
May 2021	Hui with representatives of Aukaha
May 2023	Hui with representatives of Te Rūnanga o Moeraki
June 2023	Hui with representatives of Kāti Huirapa Rūnanga ki Puketeraki

7. CIAL has met with representatives of Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga on various dates during the Project on matters of general interest to the two organisations.
8. CIAL has not met with representatives of Te Rūnanga o Awarua, Hokonui Rūnanga, Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio, Te Rūnanga o Ōraka Aparima or Te Rūnanga o Awarua in relation to the Project.
9. We trust we have answered your requests for information. If you require any further information or we have in some way misinterpreted your requests, please let us know.
10. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions contained in this letter. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman or make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

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