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Tēnā koe Ms Beattie

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

1. We write further to our email of 14 August 2023, acknowledging receipt of your OIA request (the **Request**) of 14 August 2023 to CIAL seeking the following information:

Request - Received 14 August 2023 – Meetings with Ministry for the Environment

"I am requesting a copy of briefings and correspondence with the Ministry for the Environment regarding the airport in Tarras. Also meeting dates, notes, minutes, agendas."

- To date, CIAL has not held any meetings with the Ministry for the Environment regarding the Central Otago Airport Project (the **Project**). Therefore, we have no information on record to provide to you.
- 3. As a significant infrastructure business, CIAL is regularly involved in select committee meetings, public consultation processes, industry bodies, working groups, trade delegations, public events, and many other engagements where it meets or interacts with members of central and local government and their officials. It would require substantial collation or research to determine which of those interactions may have included reference or discussion of the Project.
- 4. The Project is currently in the validation and planning phase and no regulatory approvals have been sought or will be during this phase. Accordingly, no briefings have been held with the Ministry for the Environment where the Project was the exclusive focus.
- 5. We trust we have answered your Request for information. If you require any further information or we have in some way misinterpreted your requests, please let us know.
- 6. 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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

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