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Dear Mr Richardson,

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

1. We write further to our email of 16 August 2023, acknowledging receipt of your email of 14 August 2023 (via the third party public platform [fyi.org.nz](http://fyi.org.nz)) in which you requested information pursuant to the OIA in relation to the following statement which has appeared on CIAL's Central Otago Airport project website (the **Website**) "*The aviation industry accounts for 2% of New Zealand's emissions and is taking urgent action to address climate change through decarbonisation.*" (the **Website Statement**).

2. Your request specifically asks for:

*"details of the documentation, research and data [CIAL is] using to claim it's 2%"; and*

(referred to in this letter as "**Request 1**").

*"copies of all correspondence, notes etc in the last 24 months where aviation emissions are discussed as being anything other than 2%".*

(referred to in this letter as "**Request 2**")

*Request 1*

3. CIAL is not seeking to make the claim set out in Request 1 and therefore there is no information CIAL holds with respect to Request 1. CIAL acknowledges that the Website Statement which you refer to in Request 1 did, inadvertently, appear previously on one page of the Website. However, consistent with other data contained or referred to on the Website, this should have referred to *global* emissions and, as part of CIAL's regular updates to its website content, has now been updated.

*Request 2*

4. In relation to Request 2, to provide all "correspondence, notes etc" from the last 24 months where aviation emissions are discussed in the context of "being anything other than 2%" would require substantial collation and research given the vast number of circumstances in which aviation emissions may be corresponded on. However, we refer you to the following documents and information sheets which are publicly available on our Website and which generally discuss aviation emissions:

- a. The document titled *Unlocking potential: Central Otago's runway to a future-focused airport* found at <https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/Unlocking-potential-31-Aug2023.pdf> (in particular pages 66 to 71).
  - b. The Information Sheet dated November 2022 titled "*The role airports play in reducing aviation emissions Aviation and Climate: Part III - Airports Role*" ([https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/Aviation\\_and\\_Climate\\_Part-III.pdf](https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/Aviation_and_Climate_Part-III.pdf))
  - c. The Information Sheet dated November 2022 titled "*How aviation is regulated to address climate change*" ([https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/Aviation\\_and\\_Climate\\_Part-I.pdf](https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/Aviation_and_Climate_Part-I.pdf))
5. 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.
  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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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