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Tēnā koe Mr Bosley

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

1. We write further to our email of 21 August 2023, acknowledging receipt of your OIA request (the **Request**) of 21 August 2023 to CIAL seeking the following information:

Request - Received 21 August 2023 – New Zealand’s Net Zero 2050 Goal

"On your Central Otago Airport website you say:

Our 750-hectare site at Tarras is strategically located. Bordered by two State Highways, it's accessible to multiple regions and large enough to meet their aviation needs for the next 50+ years while meeting New Zealand's Net Zero 2050 goal.

Please provide me with the detailed analysis, complete with scientific references and any calculations, which show that your planned airport will "meet NZ's net zero 2050 goal".

New Zealand’s Net Zero 2050 Goal is part of the regulatory framework put in place to meet its obligations under the 2015 Paris Agreement. For a summary of these obligations and how they relate to the Central Otago Airport Project (the **Project**) we refer you to:

https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/Aviation_and_Climate_Part-I.pdf

That framework will apply to the Project which is still in the early validation and planning phase. Putting aside the breadth of your Request, no decisions as to seeking approvals for the building or operation of an airport have been taken nor has any of the planning and design work been undertaken that would produce the detailed emission analyses and calculations contemplated by your Request.

As the information you seek is not yet in existence, we are refusing your Request under section 18(g) of the OIA.

2. 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.

3. 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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