

2 September 2024

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REF: OIA-15773

Dear Barry

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Now that the Auckland Light Rail project has been disestablished and there should not be any commerciality reasons to withhold, may I please have NZTA's proposal as mentioned in this press release:*

*[<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/auckland-light-rail-process-ended>]*

*This should include any summaries and briefings to the Board and Minister which detailed what was in the proposal.*

On 29 July 2024 NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) advised that the material you requested spanned a large number of documents covering bids, appendices and sub-appendices which in total spans over 3,500 pages. NZTA advised that it was extending the 20 working days available to respond to your request as meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations. You were invited to clarify or refine the scope of your request.

I have now determined that collating and assessing the material you have requested would require a substantial amount of time and resources and would place an unreasonable administrative burden on NZTA. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Should you wish to make a further request for particular documents in relation to the proposal your request can be reconsidered.

In an effort to provide reasonable assistance I have enclosed the executive summary which provides a detailed outline of the proposal. Certain information within the executive summary has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

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 certain information and refuse this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this matter further with NZTA, you are welcome to contact the Ministerial Services team by email at [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TJ', is positioned above the printed name.

**Tom James**  
Manager, Ministerial Services