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James

By email: fyi-request-29231-bb6fdeec@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe James,

I am writing in reference to your official information request to the CAA for the following information with CAA's response to each part of your request in bold.

" Under the OIA request the following:

All communications if any, notifying the CAA that a drone will be filming the hikoi on the motorway and part way up the Harbour bridge.

CAA response – The information is refused under s18(e) the information does not exist. The CAA holds no such communications.

All communications if any, granting permission a drone could be used to film over the road corridors and part way up the Harbour bridge, if applicable.

CAA response – The information is refused under s18(e) the information does not exist. Where an aviation participant holds a part 102 certificate, CAA is not required to provide specific authorisation, and such permission is not required.

Confirmation that the drone pilot was CAA qualified.

CAA response – The information is refused under s18(e) the information does not exist. Drone pilot training is not conducted by the CAA and we hold no record of pilots who have completed training through an approved Part 141 training organisation.

Is the CAA currently investigating any unauthorised drone use concerning the hikoi harbour bridge crossing?"

CAA response – The information is refused under s18(e) the information does not exist. No investigations are underway regarding drones used during the Hikoi.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nga Mihi,

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