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James

By email: [fyi-request-29231-bb6fdeec@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-29231-bb6fdeec@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe James,

I am writing in reference to your official information request to the CAA dated 18/11/2024 and that the CAA responded to on 13 December 2024.

CAA responded refusing the request under s18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information does not exist.

Please find below some further supplementary information in regard to that part of the request for: *" 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."*

Flying a drone over a road corridor can be done lawfully under the Part 101 rules if the person operating the drone has sought prior approval to do so from the organisation responsible for managing that road corridor. The CAA confirms it did not receive any request for an exemption from the Part 101 rule requirements for the hikoi.

The holder of a Part 102 unmanned aircraft operator certificate can operate above a road corridor lawfully where the CAA has approved that organisation to operate over property without consent as part of their approved operations. Once approved to conduct operations over property without consent, Part 102 certificated operators are not required to seek approval from the CAA to conduct these types of operations prior to each flight. Accordingly, the CAA does not hold any information relevant to your request for information about drone operations 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nga Mihi,

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