

10 February 2025

Mr Chick
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REF: OIA-17267

Dear Mr Chick

Extension of time to respond to request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 19 December 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

With regards to State Highway 1 reopening through Mangamuka Gorge, what are all cultural costs associated with this process?

For clarity, I'm wanting to know all cultural costs involved in every aspect of the rebuild, from consultation and planning, through the rebuild, and right up until the reopening and blessing of the road.

This letter is to advise you that NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is extending the 20 working days available to respond to your request, as allowed for under section 15A of the Act. We require an additional 7 working days and will send you a response on or before 19 February.

The deadline is being extended as the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a thorough response cannot reasonably be made within the original 20-working-day limit.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about the extension. More information about the Ombudsman is available online at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss the extension with NZTA, please email the Ministerial Services team via email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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