

26 March 2026

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Dear Geoff

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

Thank you for your email of 2 March 2026 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*What were the financial contributions (subsidy) for Te Huia for?*

- NZTA
- Waikato Regional Council and
- Waikato District Council.

The Te Huia figures provided in the table below indicate the financial contributions that have been made by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA), Waikato Regional Council, Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council for the capital and operational spend of the project to date. Council organisation spend indicates the local share contribution and NZTA spend indicates the National Land Transport Fund contribution.

**Te Huia – Spend to Date (2017/18 – 2024/25)**

<b>Funding contribution organisation</b>	<b>Capital expenditure (\$)</b>	<b>Operational expenditure (net of revenue/income) (\$)</b>	<b>Total (\$)</b>
NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA)	63,742,380	21,491,219	85,233,599
Waikato Regional Council	436,431	7,587,973	8,024,404
Waikato District Council	264,240	-	264,240
Hamilton City Council	4,398,817	-	4,398,817
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,841,868</b>	<b>29,079,192</b>	<b>97,921,060</b>

Capital expenditure included: locomotive and rolling stock refurbishment, upgrades of track infrastructure, as well as railway stations and platforms (Frankton / Rotokauri / Huntly). Operational expenditure refers to the 'day-to-day' running costs of the service.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZTA, please contact Ministerial Services by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Smith', written in a cursive style.

**Jackie Smith**  
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