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Dear Christine

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your Official Information Act request via fyi.org.nz, received in the NZ Transport Agency on 27 August 2012, requesting information as follows regarding the public consultation on the Proposals for the Basin Reserve:

- *What were the number of submissions supporting Option X?*
- *What were the number of submissions supporting Option A?*
- *What were the number of submissions supporting Option B?*
- *What were the number of submissions supporting a tunnel option?*
- *What were the number of submissions supporting none of the above options?*
- *For each of the above could you please provide how many organizations, businesses, and individuals supported each option so we can better understand the support for each option.*
- *We understand that a number of submitters supporting Option X had put in submissions supporting other options (e.g. A or B) prior to their publication of Option X. Have these initial (redundant) submissions been excluded or included in the above numbers and how many submissions does this affect?*

Prior to the public engagement period on the Cobham Drive to Buckle Street transport improvements in mid-2011, we decided to qualitatively analyse the feedback we received from the community. This was because the aim of the community engagement was to collect information about the value the community placed on the different aspects of the project and would provide information that would feed into the specialist reports and mitigation measures, which we felt was best gained through qualitative analysis.

We decided taking this approach would also avoid the misperception that the community feedback process was a voting exercise. Finally, if we decided to seek quantitative information, we would have had to position the questions we asked as 'do you support/oppose ...' which we did not consider to be useful alone because this would not tell us why people held certain preferences.

Therefore, we are unable to answer your questions because we do not hold the information in the format that you have requested. However, the NZ Transport Agency has published a report that summarises the public feedback. You can view this at:

www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/basin-reserve/docs/community-engagement-report.pdf.

If you are interested, we would be happy to invite you to our offices to view the full collection of submissions on the project. To arrange an appointment to view the submissions, please contact Robert Addison, Community & Stakeholder Liaison Advisor, at Robert.Addison@nzta.govt.nz or 04 894 6403.

Yours sincerely



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