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Dear Andrew

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

Thank you for your email of 19 April 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I request all information (oral and written) and including copies of any communication, memoranda, report, assessment, costing or briefing note, on the potential, planned or actual use of road layout commonly known as 2 plus 1 in New Zealand.*

*I am limiting this request to information produced after 1 January 2015.*

On 26 April 2018 you clarified your request as follows:

*So the request can be narrowed, for now, by limiting it to the following:*

- every safety review since 2015 where 2 + 1 road configurations were considered;*
- any assessment since 2015 of the use of a 2 + 1 configuration on State Highway 1 between Whangarei and Te Hana; and*
- any guidelines or similar published 2015 on the use of 2 + 1 road configurations.*

On 18 May 2018, I extended the 20 working days available to respond to your request by an additional 15 working days, pursuant to section 15A of the Act.

The following documents fall within the scope of your request:

- Regional Passing & Overtaking Plans; a Bridge between High-Level Policy & Localised Solutions.***

This document outlines the rationale behind the deployment of 2+1 road configurations. It has been refused under section section 18(d) of the Act as it is publicly available on the NZ Transport Agency's website at <https://nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/regional-passing-and-overtaking-plans/docs/nzta-nziht-paper-111028.pdf>.

- ***SH1 Whangarei to Auckland – Connecting Northland Programme Business Case.***  
This document has also been refused under section section 18(d) of the Act as it is publicly available on the Transport Agency’s website at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/whangarei-to-auckland/SH1-Auckland-to-Whangarei-programme-business-case.pdf>.
- ***Detailed Business Case for the 2+1 use in the Whangarei to Te Hana project (DRAFT)***  
This documents has been withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold certain information under this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Graham O’Connell, Portfolio Manager, by email to [graham.oconnell@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:graham.oconnell@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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