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Dear Tim

Requests made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency of 2 December 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Part One:

I am requesting information about the trial of a Hamilton to Papakura rail service. Please provide information about the trial design and what advice was given about the trial design. I am particularly interested in:

- 1. The criteria which will be used to determine whether the trial is a success or a failure.*
- 2. Whether the NZTA has a position on the significance of the outcome of the trial.*
- 3. On what basis it was decided to include the stops included in the trial.*
- 4. Whether consideration was given to including stops at any or all of Te Kauwhata, Mercer, Pokeno, or Tuakau, and if so why those stops were excluded and if not why consideration was not given to including any or all of those stops in the trial.*
- 5. Whether consideration was given to extending the service being trialled to a stop of stops north of Papakura.*

Part Two:

I am requesting information on the current status of the proposal to extend electric trains from Papakura to Pukekohe. Please include information about expected start and completion dates.

The Transport Agency's response to Parts One and Two of your request can be found under the headings below.

Part One: Hamilton to Papakura Rail Service

Three documents have been identified as falling within the scope of Part One of your request. As all three documents are already publicly available, your request has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Links to the publicly available documents can be found in the attached document schedule.

If you would like to discuss the reply to this part of your request with the Transport Agency, please contact Philip King, NZTA Programme Manager: Hamilton to Auckland Rail, by email to phil.king@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 020 4069 9894.

Part Two: Papakura to Pukekohe Electrification

Auckland Transport has submitted a full funding request to the Transport Agency for implementation of the project to electrify the line between Papakura and Pukekohe, which would allow electric trains to run to Pukekohe. This funding request is currently being evaluated by the Transport Agency.

KiwiRail established a project team at the beginning of 2019 to develop the design for the Papakura to Pukekohe rail electrification. The forecast project completion date of the electrification programme is April 2023.

If you would like to discuss this part of your request with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Brian Blackwell, Technical Rail Advisor, by email to brian.blackwell@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 021 578 218.

Under section 28 of the Act you have the right to request that the Ombudsman investigate and review this response. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman through its website at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by telephone on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Reid', written in a cursive style.

Kevin Reid
Chief Advisor, System Design

Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Description
1.	Single Stage Business Case Hamilton to Auckland Start up Passenger Rail Service	Nov 2018	This document can be found online at www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-services/transport/Documents/Single%20Stage%20BC%20Report%20FINAL-web.pdf
2.	Minutes of NZTA Board meeting December 2018 (from page 28).	14 Dec 2018	This document can be found online at www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us-2/docs/board-meeting-minutes-2017/minutes-20181214.pdf
3.	Minutes of NZTA Board meeting August 2019 (from page 14)	23 Aug 2019	This document can be found online at www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us-2/docs/board-meeting-minutes-2019/minutes-20190823.pdf