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Dear Nicholas Lee

Official Information Act request relating to advice regarding Mill Road as part of the New Zealand Upgrade Programme

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 15 January 2021. You requested:

Please provide any information, reports or advice considered by the Government, in deciding to fund and build Mill Road, in respect of:

- 1. The increased greenhouse gas emissions that will result from the construction and operation of Mill Road.*
- 2. How Mill Road will impact New Zealand's ability to meet the 2050 target for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions under s 5Q of the Climate Change Response Act 2002.*
- 3. How Mill Road will impact New Zealand's ability to meet its international obligations in respect of climate change, including under the Paris Agreement.*
- 4. Whether and how Mill Road will give effect to the Government's objectives, recorded in the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018, of:
a. reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport; and
b. increasing mode shift from private vehicle trips to walking, cycling and public transport.*
- 5. Whether and how Mill Road will give effect to the Government's road safety strategy and plan, Road to Zero, adopted in December 2019.*
- 6. The views of Auckland Council, including Auckland Council's declaration of a climate emergency on 11 June 2019"*

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold information relating to your request for advice regarding Mill Road as part of the New Zealand Upgrade Programme. I believe this information is held by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency and Auckland Council. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(i) of the Act to transfer parts one to five of your request to Waka Kotahi NZTA and part six of your request to Auckland Council.

Both agencies have 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial and Business Services