

28 APR 2014

Reference: CER/821

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Dear Louis

Re: Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received on 13 March 2014. You requested the following with regard to the Bus Interchange Anchor project:

"a copy of the Design Consultants Report (or similar document) justifying the logic of why this particular proposed design was chosen.

The information I most want to obtain is:

- (a) Why a 'sawtooth' system was chosen rather than a standard linear stop bearing in mind the additional space taken up and safety issues caused by 'sawtooth' bus stops;*
- (b) Whether future bus routing patterns, such as the network proposed in ECAN's 2012 Regional Public Transport Plan were considered when designing the project;*
- (c) Why car parking has been included in the project when the project's intention is to improve public transport and walking access."*

The time limit on your request was extended by an additional 20 days to allow for necessary consultations.

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following document:

Date	Document Description
9 December 2013	Christchurch Bus Interchange: Recommendation of Preferred Option Draft Document

I have decided to release the above document, subject to information being withheld under the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials

- section 9(2)(i) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; and
- section 9(2)(j) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

The answers to a) and b) of your request can be found in the attached document. With regard to c) of your request, the Bus Interchange plans do not provide for public car parking. However, an area has been provided for service vehicles and emergency bus parking. The plans do not currently provide for staff car parking.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act and do not consider that there is an overriding public interest in releasing the information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely



Warwick Isaacs
Acting Chief Executive