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Dear Tim

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 4 October 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide the business case for the Akoranga to Constellation section of Northern Pathway; a draft version of such; or, if no draft or business case has yet been completed, working documents which have been completed towards a draft at this stage.

The business case for the Akoranga to Constellation section of Northern Pathway has not been presented to the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Board for consideration. Therefore, I am withholding this document under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by officials.

Once the business case has been considered and endorsed by the Board, Waka Kotahi will review this document for release.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this document. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Ministerial Services, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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