

14 December 2021

Tim Adriaansen
c/o [FYI.org.nz](https://fyi.org.nz)

Dear Tim

I refer to your request dated 23 November 2021, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), seeking a copy of a consultant report that was referred to on page 19 of Waka Kotahi's December 2018 Cycling Safety Action Plan.

The consultant report referred to is an NZIER report to the Ministry of Transport from October 2018 and is titled "Vehicle technologies and standards: A preliminary assessment for prioritisation". It is publicly available on the Ministry of Transport website: <https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Report/NZIER-Vehicle-report.pdf>.

Accordingly, I decline your request for information under section 18(d) of the Act, on the grounds that the report you have requested is publicly available.

You may be aware that the Government committed in 2020 to raise the safety performance of vehicles entering the New Zealand fleet, as part of the *Road to Zero Action Plan 2020–2023*. Work investigating whether we should require further modern safety technologies in cars entering the fleet is progressing and is at a scoping stage.

Given these developments, I note that the NZIER report is a preliminary assessment of specific safety features of vehicles. The report does not necessarily reflect our current work or the latest available evidence. In particular, I note the Government has already acted to mandate anti-lock braking systems for all new-to-fleet motorcycles effective 1 November 2021. You can read more about this change here: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/abs-rule-change-will-make-motorcycling-safer/>.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about the withholding and refusal of information, who can be contacted at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses, and the information contained in our reply to you will be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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