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Kia ora Marrick,

The information you requested – CAS-601772-N8G2R9

I refer to your statement and request for information dated 28 July 2022 regarding Auckland Transport's (AT's) use of Blockchain technology. You stated:

I was really surprised to stumble on the fact that AT is listed as a member of BlockchainNZ [https://urldefense.com/v3/https://blockchain.org.nz/about/our-members/;!!Hs6A79YYbFfQ525liA!LOdz8F3pgk6OE3qmND8GoMORfdPSaVqKjBQotrVxHZzErevVslAaDN-Cpk8LFCwGOBbPk6u0IOczwlwP9W9cSpm6IBbm9XkjXjkFr6xPBUFFkm9\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://blockchain.org.nz/about/our-members/;!!Hs6A79YYbFfQ525liA!LOdz8F3pgk6OE3qmND8GoMORfdPSaVqKjBQotrVxHZzErevVslAaDN-Cpk8LFCwGOBbPk6u0IOczwlwP9W9cSpm6IBbm9XkjXjkFr6xPBUFFkm9$). This piqued my interest and so I'd like to ask for any information related to:

- *AT's use of blockchain technology whether that's past, present, future or hypothetical*
- *Any reports/presentations/etc. about the potential of blockchain for use in transport etc.*
- *AT's membership of BlockchainNZ e.g. how long it's been a member, how much it pays, what events it's gone to etc.*

AT's use of blockchain is purely hypothetical. It is important to ensure we are appropriately informed and understand the latest innovations in technology and assess which may be beneficial for AT to adopt or incorporate. At this stage, there have been no compelling use cases to consider the use of blockchain at AT. In May 2018, AT's Board requested a presentation on blockchain, to help them understand the concept, and how it might be applied in AT's context – this presentation is attached. No further work or exploration resulted from this presentation.

BlockchainNZ is part of the wider [NZTech Alliance](#), which AT was a member of from July 2017 until June 2022. The membership to BlockchainNZ was free as part of AT's NZTech Alliance membership. We're not aware of any specific involvement or attendance of any AT staff at any BlockchainNZ events.

Should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you are able to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA Act, and seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

Yours sincerely



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