

14 October 2022

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REF: OIA-11063

Dear Darren

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 22 September 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Please provide the Auckland Harbour Bridge Shared Path SSBC dated 20 Jan version 4 unredacted. <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/northern-pathway/docs/AHB-shared-path-SSBC-20200106.pdf>*
2. *Please provide the latest version of the Auckland Harbour Bridge Shared Path SSBC without redactions, if not the same version as above.*
3. *Peer Review: economic benefits of a cross-harbour walking and cycling link (including wider economic benefits – WEBS), EY, June 2019. Referenced in the AUCKLAND HARBOUR BRIDGE SHARED PATH – SSBC, page 83, Footnote 48. –*

The most recent Auckland Harbour bridge Shared Path Single Stage Business Case (SSBC) is publicly available on our website: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/northern-pathway/docs/AHB-shared-path-SSBC-20200106.pdf. This is the most current version and has not been superseded.

Waka Kotahi has considered releasing the paper in full as you have requested. However, it has been decided to retain the existing redactions under section 9(2)(i) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to enable Waka Kotahi to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

While the standalone bridge component of the project is no longer progressing, the SSBC includes certain financial information that Waka Kotahi does not consider appropriate to release at this time. Doing so would be likely to adversely impact our ability to engage in future commercial activities with project contractors, where walking and cycling projects across the Waitematā Harbour or elsewhere in the Auckland region are progressed.

Certain information is also being withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a): to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(g)(i): to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

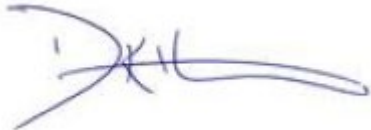
I also have enclosed the Ernst and Young review paper. Third parties' details are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. 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 the Ministerial Services team, by email at official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DHume', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Deborah Hume
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