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Tēnā koe Jack,

I refer to your email dated 28 November 2022, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“I wish to have access to any analysis which has been done on the development of high-speed rail networks connecting major New Zealand towns and cities, including but not limited to cost-benefit analyses, environmental impacts, comparisons and impacts on road, air and sea travel.”*

This request was transferred to Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport from the Treasury on 7 December 2022.

Two documents fall within the scope of your request and are detailed in the document schedule attached as Annex 1. The schedule outlines how the documents you requested have been treated under the Act.

All documents are being withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982, in order to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials

With regard to the information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding the information at this time are not outweighed by public interest considerations that would make it desirable to make the information available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman’s website [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

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

Nāku noa, nā



Jessica Ranger

**Manager Placemaking and Urban Development**

## Annex 1 - Document Schedule

<b>Doc#</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Decision on release</b>
1	20 June 2022	Hamilton-Auckland Interconnectivity Project: Integrated Transport and Land Use Study	Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv).
2	6 October 2022	Hamilton to Auckland Intercity Connectivity Project: Project Indicative Business Case	Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv).