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Dear P.J. Golden

Thank you for your email of 24 February 2023 requesting a reconsideration of our response to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 29 November 2022.

You raised concerns about our advice that Trust Alliance NZ Inc (TANZ) was not working with TrackBack Ltd on the digital wallet project. You provided a press release dated 23 November 2020 from the TANZ website as evidence of a current relationship with TrackBack.

However, I can confirm that TANZ is not working with TrackBack on the digital farm wallet project. As of December 2021, TANZ no longer work with TrackBack Ltd.

During the start up phase between 2019 and 2020, TANZ was yet to be established as a legal entity and engaged TrackBack Ltd as the network operator to establish and set up the consortium. TANZ was legally established in August 2021 with an official governance structure and a board. However, by the end of December 2021, TANZ no longer had a relationship with TrackBack Ltd.

Klaeri Schelhowe, Executive Director of TANZ, was initially employed by TrackBack Ltd. She was engaged in her current role at TANZ to run the organisation as an incorporated society for its members and the primary sector after TANZ became a legal entity.

The press release you relied on, while correct at the time of publishing, does not reflect the current situation or relationship between the two.

You also raise concerns with the adequacy of the evaluation. The previous Proof of Concept was based on a different technology stack and the published tools/protocols are available in the GitHub repositories, open sourced and available for everybody who wants to use them.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Penno', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Penno
Director, Investment Programmes