



Transport Accident Investigation Commission

OIA No. 353

19 January 2023

Chris McCashin,

By email: fyi-request-21305-0544a850@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr McCashin

Decision on information request

In relation to your request dated 1 December 2022, for the following information:

1. *Provide process documents for TAIC investigations of an incident.*

TAIC Investigations progress through a series of phases per TAIC's investigation methodology. Each phase has a discreet set of tasks that enables us to make evidence-based findings that have been comprehensively reviewed and evaluated. The investigation process has eight phases. An overview of each phase and the tasks associated with them are presented in the attached document.

- Investigation process flow diagram

2. *Does TAIC assess to see if the operator suffered a sudden medical event prior to the incident such as cardiac, stroke, or clot?*

The Commission considers medical events as a matter of course in all investigations. For example, post-Mortem results are obtained routinely when there is a fatality of a person involved in a safety-critical role. The Commission employs a medical consultant specialising in transport safety to review all medical evidence gathered as part of the inquiry, the review may result in a finding or recommendation if we believe it may lead to improvements in future transport safety.

Please contact our Support Services Officer at support.services@taic.org.nz if you wish to discuss this response.

If you are unhappy with our handling of, or decision on, your information request, you may make a complaint to the Ombudsman. However, please talk to us first to see if the issue can be resolved.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Naveen', written over a horizontal line.

Naveen Kozhupakalam
Chief Investigator of Accidents