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Via – [FYI.org](https://www.fyi.org)

Dear Cody

Official Information Act request on Halswell Junction

I refer to your request dated 1 May 2023, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), asking:

What is the current state of this project?

When is this project anticipated to be completed?

What is the main hold-up, if any?

What is the approximate cost of this project, both to date and by completion, to KiwiRail?

As a response, we are providing a timeline of the works for the planned crossing, which will be useful in demonstrating how the project has developed.

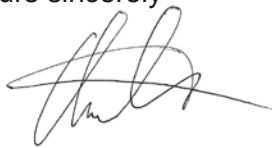
We are also providing minutes from recent meetings between KiwiRail, Christchurch City Council and partners which will give you an overview of the current state of the project and matters still to be worked through.

Please note some limited information has been redacted from these papers under Section 9(2)(i) – commercial information, and Section 9(2)(a) - privacy.

In relation to your query as to costs, these are commercially sensitive and cannot be provided.

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.

Yours sincerely



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