

2 November 2023

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Dear Ms Beattie

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982 (OIA) – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - CHRISTCHURCH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED (CIAL)**

1. We write further to our email of 3 October and 5 September 2023, responding to your request of 8 August 2023 (via the third party public platform [fyi.org.nz](http://fyi.org.nz)) for the following information pursuant to the OIA:

*"... all correspondence, documents and minutes which contain either a) "Sustainable Tarras" b) "Stop Central Otago Airport (or SCOA)" c) any other groups perceived to be "in opposition" to the new airport.." (the **Request**)*

2. On 5 September 2023 you clarified your request to:
  - *Let's just go for Sustainable Tarras and Stop Central Otago Airport for now.*
  - *Let's make it from 20 July 2020 to the date of this request.*
  - *Let's limit it to a) all emails and b) internal notes, memos or documents*
3. On 3 October 2023 we declined your request under section 18(f) where the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.
4. On 4 October 2023 you questioned our decline of your request and requested a search result count if a response was not possible.
5. We have worked with our Technology Team to understand whether it is possible to attempt to reduce the scale of your request by limiting it to the search terms and document types you have listed. We have also considered your request in relation to search result counts. Unfortunately, your requests cover information and document types stored across a number of systems and it would still require some time, and deployment of our Technology Team away from their core operations. Even if search result counts were able to be provided without substantial collation and research, those results are still ultimately likely to produce significant amounts of information.
6. CIAL notes that as it has been unable to further clarify and refine your request and confirms your request for information has now been refused under section 18(f) where the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. CIAL does not consider that fixing a charge or extending the time limit of the request would enable the request to be granted.

7. You also asked about a reference to "sustainable tourism". Our apologies for the confusion. This phrase should have read "Sustainable Tarras".
8. We trust we have answered your requests for information. If you require any further information or we have in some way misinterpreted your requests, please let us know.
9. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions contained in this letter. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman or make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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