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

1. We write further to our email of 14 August 2023, acknowledging receipt of your OIA request of 13 August 2023 seeking information (if held by CIAL) in relation to the proposed Central Otago airport project (the **Project**):

Request : Received 13 August – Presentation to Ignite Wānaka 27 July 2023

Could I please have:

- *A full copy of the powerpoint presentation*
 - *Details of the source data for all slides in the presentation (logically, all slides which show statistics or facts, or where a claim is made)*
 - *For the international visitor spend slide, a further breakdown of what the "spend" includes, or even better, how it is broken down*
 - *For the slide which presented emissions relating to different travel options from Auckland to Wānaka, please provide the calculations including assumptions made*
 - *Mr Boswell told the audience that Central Otago would be a lot better off with a lot more tourists. Could he please provide the evidence and data to substantiate the claims made that Challenge Wānaka and Warbirds over Wānaka would not be possible without high levels of tourism, amongst other events.*
2. CIAL will provide you with the requested information where it is able. Each OIA query CIAL receives is assessed on a case by case basis, given the particular facts and circumstances in play at that time. This Project is a complex commercial activity whereby CIAL is investigating the feasibility of establishing an airport in Central Otago and at present, CIAL is under no legal obligation to consult in relation to the Project. In addition, CIAL is also operating in a commercially competitive environment and this must be weighed against the considerations of public interest.

Before we answer your specific queries, it may be helpful to provide some additional context to this.

3. CIAL is a council-controlled trading organisation that has been specifically established to operate and manage its business as an independent commercial undertaking for the purposes of making a profit, and to follow generally accepted commercial practices and disciplines. CIAL is not a public body collecting and spending public funds. It operates as a wholly commercial, standalone entity. Due to the size and scale of those activities it is one of only three major airports in New Zealand regulated under Part 4 of the Commerce Act.
4. To assist public understanding of the context of the Project and CIAL's decisions, CIAL has committed to, and does, proactively publish information as it completes pieces of work which is likely to be in the public interest to receive on its dedicated Project website at <https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/>. Until work is completed, it is not capable of being released. Over time this will see more information voluntarily released. In such instances the public interest test will have been considered and weighed up as part of the decision whether to release information or not. Equally, each OIA query CIAL receives will be assessed on a case by case basis given the particular given facts and circumstances at play at that time.
5. In respect of your request, we respond as follows:

Request:

- *"A full copy of the powerpoint presentation"*

See attached.

- *"Details of the source data for all slides in the presentation (logically, all slides which show statistics or facts, or where a claim is made)"*

The attached presentation includes references to source data. The source of the data in Slide 8 was Stats NZ.

- *"For the international visitor spend slide, a further breakdown of what the "spend" includes, or even better, how it is broken down"*

Information for the international visitor slide was provided by Freshinfo from a variety of sources including the MBIE Monthly Regional Tourism Estimates, MBIE International Visitor Survey, and Domestic Visitor Survey, Fresh Info. Beyond that CIAL has no obligation to create information to answer a request.

- *"For the slide which presented emissions relating to different travel options from Auckland to Wānaka, please provide the calculations including assumptions made"*

See below.

Aircraft	Origin	Via Airport	Distance(Km)	Avg CO2e Per Pax	Option
A320N	AKL	CHC	758	115	Fly and Drive
A320N	AKL	COA	1030	152	Fly and Drive
A320N	AKL	DUD	1067	162	Fly and Drive
A320N	AKL	IVC	1196	178	Fly and Drive
A320N	AKL	ZQN	1087	159	Fly and Drive

Estimation Source = Airbiz

Destination	Distance	Via Airport	Option
Wanaka	422	CHC	Fly and Drive
Wanaka	32	COA	Fly and Drive
Wanaka	248	DUD	Fly and Drive
Wanaka	248	IVC	Fly and Drive
Wanaka	64	ZQN	Fly and Drive

Estimation Source = AA Driving Distance Calc tool

Vehicle	CO2e (Kg Per Km)
Bus	0.03
Electric Vehicle	0.03
Hybrid Vehicle Medium Size	0.15
Vehicle	0.2

Estimation Source = Toitu and MFE Emissions Factors

- *"Mr Boswell told the audience that Central Otago would be a lot better off with a lot more tourists. Could he please provide the evidence and data to substantiate the claims made that Challenge Wānaka and Warbirds over Wānaka would not be possible without high levels of tourism, amongst other events."*

From the outset Rhys Boswell's general comments, which you have sought to characterise, were referring to the fact that visitor spending sustains business that Central Otago residents enjoy having access to. In addition, Mr Boswell was sharing his perspective and cited Challenge Wānaka and Warbirds over Wānaka as an example piece of how visitors make major events in Central Otago viable. In response to your Request, more information on how visitor spending sustains businesses and events that Central Otago residents enjoy having access to can be found in the following documents below:

https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/mediumres_PAAV2_digital_31Aug2023.pdf

<https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/COA-How-do-visitors-contribute-Info-paper.pdf>

Please also note as follows:

<https://www.odt.co.nz/regions/wanaka/warbirds-airshow-returns-after-six-years#:~:text=The%20event%2C%20usually%20held%20every,it%20had%20the%20same%20fate.>

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/otago/104498808/warbirds-over-wanaka-releases-economic-impact-report-from-2018-airshow>

<https://www.odt.co.nz/regions/wanaka/warbirds-spend-4m-23m>

<https://www.challenge-wanaka.com/2018/04/11/challenge-wanaka-poised-for-exciting-new-era/>

<https://www.majorevents.govt.nz/dmsdocument/4566-challenge-wanaka-volunteer-management>

6. We trust we have answered your requests for information. If you require any further information or if we have in some way misinterpreted your requests, please let us know.
7. 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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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