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Tēnā koe Alex

**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 (the **Request**) of 14 August 2023 seeking information (if held by CIAL) in relation to emissions projections and thinking.

We have answered your Request in this letter and for completeness, we set out your request below.

**Request: Received 14 August 2023 – Emissions projections and thinking:**

*"Could I please see your detailed emissions (carbon and other) projections for the build and operation of Central Otago Airport, including projected flights?"*

*"Could I also please have copies of all correspondence, briefings, presentations or updates which mention carbon emissions in relation to the Tarras project, since July 2020?"*

In respect your Request, we have answered this in two parts (a) and (b).

*(a) "Could I please see your detailed emissions (carbon and other) projections for the build and operation of Central Otago Airport, including projected flights?"*

As we have outlined previously to you, the Central Otago Airport Project (the Project) is still in the validation and planning phase. No decisions as to the building or operation of an airport have been taken nor has any of the planning and design work been undertaken that would produce the detailed emission projections contemplated by your request. Equally, it is too early in the process to produce airport operating schedules, including both the numbers and times of aircraft operations and the aircraft types which would operate in any given future year. As the information you seek is not yet in existence your Request at Part (a) is declined.

Please note however that CIAL has produced a series of personas and situations have been developed to show the total journey emissions for passengers travelling to Central Otago. These can be found at pages 68-69 of the document titled

"Unlocking Potential: Central Otago's runway to a future-focused airport" dated August 2023 and on the Project website at:

[https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/mediumres\\_PAAV2\\_digital\\_31Aug2023.pdf](https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/mediumres_PAAV2_digital_31Aug2023.pdf)

A graphic providing high-level estimates of the embodied emissions associated with infrastructure, including a notional airport, can be found at page 71 of the same report. The information is intended to provide a general indication of embodied emissions resulting from the development of infrastructure and is not a detailed analysis or forecast.

*(b) Could I also please have copies of all correspondence, briefings, presentations or updates which mention carbon emissions in relation to the Tarras project, since July 2020?"*

Part (b) of your Request is too broad in scope and therefore, we will be unable to provide you with this level of information. It covers much correspondence which would need to be extracted from numerous sources and places internally. To do so, would involve the diversion of personnel for a substantial period of time to go through and collate the information you are requesting.

Therefore, your Request is refused under Section 18(f) of the OIA.

In addition, if we were to comply with part (b) of your Request (which will have a significant impact on CIAL's ability to carry out its commercial operations), please be mindful about our ability to charge you for the time involved to extract the level of information you are requesting (as per Section 15(1A) of the OIA).

2. We trust we have answered your Request for information. If you require any further information or if we have in some way misinterpreted your requests, please let us know.
3. 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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