

12 September 2023

Rod Fee

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Dear Mr Fee,

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

1. We write further to our email of 16 August 2023, acknowledging receipt of your email of 15 August 2023 (via the third party public platform fyi.org.nz) in which you requested the following information pursuant to the OIA:

“all correspondence, briefings, meeting notes and meeting dates with fuel companies about the Central Otago airport”

(the **Request**).

2. As you may be aware, the Central Otago airport project (the **Project**) is a long-term project which is currently in the validation and planning phase – this phase is expected to continue through 2023 and into 2024. 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 web-site at <https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/>. Further information can also be found in relation to CIAL’s approach to engagement in relation to the Project on this same website.
3. To date, CIAL has not had any correspondence, briefings or meetings with fuel companies specifically about the Project. Therefore, we have no information on record to provide to you and accordingly we are refusing your request under section 18(g) of the OIA.
4. If you require any further information or we have in some way misinterpreted your requests, please let us know.
5. 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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