



AIRWAYS

3 September 2024

Mr French

Sent by email: fyi-request-27566-2e791270@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr French,

Official Information Act Request

We refer to your official information request dated 15 August 2024 for the following information:

Dear Naoka Iwase

Thank you for your response to my OIA request.

Airways NZ "provides air traffic management services" - as stated here:

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.airways.co.nz%2Fabout%2Four-business%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cnaoka.iwase%40airways.co.nz%7C9d7fe3041f5c43973a1808dcbd0224b6%7C6534ab2d368340128c1db14ddef1f700%7C0%7C0%7C638593065840834188%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6IkhWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Rkld1GTSClxsInm8Afp7NQavxyH%2BuGNMoVMQ6QFUGUs%3D&reserved=0>. My OIA request asked for "all the information that you hold on a circular flight over Oamaru / coastal North Otago recorded on 19 March 2024 at 9:30am". Therefore, please respond to the following questions and requests.

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Preamble:

If you view the entire 6 minutes and 50 seconds of the video link provided in my original request, you will notice that the plane appears to be heading in an approximate southerly direction then changes direction to the north (this can also be seen in two further videos - see Dropbox links below). You state that the plane is an Air New Zealand flight ANZ671 which departed Auckland Airport and landed at Dunedin Airport. As such it is "supposed to be" heading south to an airport that is south 128 km (by road) away.

Questions and requests:

- Why the loop?**
- Why loop at that particular Oamaru/coastal North Otago location?**
- What did your "air traffic management service" advise the pilot to do at that location, and why?**
- Please provide an audio recording or unredacted transcript of the exchange between air traffic control and the pilot concerning the loop recorded in my video footage.**
- Please advise the time of departure from Auckland Airport and time of arrival at Dunedin Airport.**

Video links:

[AIRWAYS.CO.NZ](https://www.airways.co.nz)

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Footage originally provided:

https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fsci%2Ffi%2Fer6l4kkc3qv1mfn1mvr1v%2FVID_20240319_093622.mp4%3Frlkey%3Dny9b36z44mibp5db4pi0zwage%26st%3Do9og1a9m%26dl%3D0&data=05%7C02%7Cnaoka.iwase%40airways.co.nz%7C9d7fe3041f5c43973a1808dcbd0224b6%7C6534ab2d368340128c1db14ddef1f700%7C0%7C0%7C638593065840843848%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gaVDbsmJzCTKO%2BXOdfwh2KeBd%2BXCN2EXF3Wq9rmLZUq%3D&reserved=0

Additional footage:

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https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fsci%2Ffi%2Fjh8a44ib80m02kikif6te%2FVID_20240319_093341.mp4%3Frlkey%3Djxbzu2jh37eix2yhqmhdmp9t%26st%3D5zyjvicx%26dl%3D0&data=05%7C02%7Cnaoka.iwase%40airways.co.nz%7C9d7fe3041f5c43973a1808dcbd0224b6%7C6534ab2d368340128c1db14ddef1f700%7C0%7C0%7C638593065840850191%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=G%2B3P2GqVb47PKtTEqrYD6EFUPFsyjR2cyQmQ%2B3SCJCO%3D&reserved=0

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https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fsci%2Ffi%2Ftznm2tmferpnh6miv29v6%2FVID_20240319_093459.mp4%3Frlkey%3Dr20w8eeyj5nxk5d35tkeblotv%26st%3Dnrowgirv%26dl%3D0&data=05%7C02%7Cnaoka.iwase%40airways.co.nz%7C9d7fe3041f5c43973a1808dcbd0224b6%7C6534ab2d368340128c1db14ddef1f700%7C0%7C0%7C638593065840856752%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=36PPWS50YW6%2BuljlmhmizboXibxCvch4KaGNT0du%2FYc%3D&reserved=0

Yours sincerely,

Mr French

Unfortunately, we do not hold the information requested in questions 1 to 4, and we are unable to identify any other agency that might have it. Therefore, we are refusing your request under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information is not held by us.

Regarding your final question, we were able to obtain the details from FlightRadar24. The aircraft's departure time from Auckland Airport was 18:50 UTC, and its arrival time at Dunedin Airport was 21:06 UTC. For your information, we retain screen replays for only 2 months and tower audio for 4 months (except for Christchurch and Auckland towers which retain audio for 3 months).

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Naoka Iwase', is centered within a light gray rectangular box. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Naoka Iwase

Legal Counsel/OIA Advisor