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Tēnā koe Jonathan

Thank you for your request to the Ministry for the Environment dated 9 January 2025 for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

I am requesting full release of information relating to the application to include FTA159 Delmore in the Fast Track Bill (2024), including but not limited to:

- 1. the basis for the decision to include this project in the Bill;*
- 2. all submissions made by Vineway Ltd;*
- 3. the basis for assessing Vineway Ltd to be a suitable entity to undertake a project deemed to be of National or Regional Importance and therefore bypassing all normal regulatory safeguards;*
- 4. all discussion of the information submitted by Vineway by the Fast-track Projects Advisory Group;*
- 5. the manner in which all information submitted to the Government by Vineway Ltd was verified (e.g. site visit, third party analysis etc);*
- 6. the basis for deciding to redact the project location when the list of projects was published by the Government on 20 December 2024.*

We have transferred part four of your request to Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). Information regarding *all discussion of the information submitted by Vineway by the Fast-track Projects Advisory Group* is not held by the Ministry for the Environment but is believed to be held by MBIE as the agency responsible for administering the Fast-track Projects Advisory Group.

In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 to transfer your request. You will therefore hear directly from MBIE concerning that part of your request.

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

Ngā mihi,



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