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Dear Andrew

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 31 August 2015 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

Pūhoi to Wellsford RoNS business case ... with all redactions removed that aren't justified by the Official Information Act, and a listing of reasons and the Official Information Act sections used for each remaining redaction.

We have taken your request to mean the 'Business Case for Implementation: Detailed Business Case to proceed from Initiation to Implementation, Ara Tūhono: Pūhoi to Wellsford RoNS, Pūhoi to Warkworth Section, April 2015', recently published on our website.

All of the information that was redacted from the version published on the website was withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982. This section allows for the withholding of information because its release would be likely unreasonably to prejudice our commercial position. This equally applies to your request. We have now annotated the published version to this effect.

We are currently working through a process to potentially procure the Pūhoi to Warkworth section as a public-private partnership. The decision to withhold the information was to ensure we do not publish or release information that could affect our ability to negotiate the best possible terms for that public-private partnership. If you are still interested in this document after a contract has been signed, we will reassess the information that is currently withheld. I expect this is likely to be by the end of October 2016.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to withhold this information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Fisher'.

Tony Fisher
Programme Director PPP
For Chief Executive