



8 June 2016

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Dear Cody

I refer to your email request of 23 May 2016 to Ms Megan Winch at Police regarding the Police position on making publicly available the precise locations of fixed speed cameras.

In your email you stated:

Please process this request urgently or this will be referred to the Ombudsman. This matter relates to an OIA request made by another separate uninvolved party made on November 04, 2014 and is well outside the ordinary timeframe for a reply. I am very concerned to see that NZ Police has backtracked on their previous statement that the information would be released to the public via the media, as per the following previous request: <https://fyi.org.nz/request/2147-precise-location-of-fixed-speed-cameras-in-new-zealand#incoming-7993>

You then requested:

Why has the Police position changed on this matter? Also, did Police end up releasing this information to the media? If so, please provide a copy of this data. Please note the previous request was rejected because it was due to be in the public domain so I find it hard to believe that the request would now be rejected.

Like other government agencies and organisations, Police has a strong focus on continuous improvement and regularly reviews its processes and procedures, amongst other things.

Police initially intended, as part of planned media activity, to publish the GPS co-ordinates of all the fixed camera sites, most likely in the form of a corridor range, once the locations were finalised and the infrastructure was in place. Information relating to the GPS co-ordinates of the old style wet film cameras had been available on the Police website but was taken down in late 2014 as it was no longer current.

Since then, Police has reviewed its media plan due to its concern that the publication of the precise location of fixed speed cameras may trivialise or sensationalise high speeds and potentially create an environment where people may speed everywhere but where the cameras are located.

I note that you were advised of this as part of your OIA request dated 17 April 2016. You were also advised at that time that identification of the precise location may lead to camera infrastructure being damaged. Further you were provided with information that shows the locations of all fixed speed camera sites by road segment.

While this road segment information has not been released to the public via the media, it has been released as a result of individual media requests, as well as requests from members of the public, via the Official Information Act (OIA) process. I can advise that the information released on these occasions is the same information that was sent to you in your OIA request of 17 April 2016.

I can also advise that geocode information about the first 12 sites for the new style digital fixed speed cameras is available to the public and the media on the Police website www.police.govt.nz, albeit by road segment.

I trust this now answers your questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Inspector Gini Welch
Manager Prevention: Road Policing

