

14 September 2016

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Dear Robert

**Extension of time to respond to request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your phone call of 22 August 2016 and email of 23 August 2016 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- Confirmation of whether the mills providing steel for the two major projects in Taranaki were the same as those identified as providing non-compliant steel;
- Information about the 'Chinese companies that have been called into question recently'; and
- Information about the 'Chinese companies which have provided the steel for the two major projects in Taranaki recently'.

This letter is to advise you that the NZ Transport Agency is extending the 20 working days available to respond to your request, as allowed for under section 15A of the Official Information Act 1982. We require an additional 15 working days to respond to your request. We will send you a response by 11 October 2016.

The deadline is being extended because consultations necessary to make a decision on your request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit, as allowed for by section 15A(1)(b).

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to make a complaint to an Ombudsman about the extension. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen  
PO Box 10152  
Wellington

If you would like to discuss the extension with the Transport Agency, please contact Chris Hunt, Project Delivery Manager, by email to [chris.hunt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:chris.hunt@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on (04) 894 5252.

Yours sincerely



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