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Allen Reynolds

By: FYI.org.nz

Dear Mr Reynolds

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST – AVIATION SAFETY & RPAS IN WHENUAPAI CONTROL ZONE

Background

The Airshare web portal was developed to educate drone flyers about Civil Aviation rules by providing easy to understand information and encourage safe flying.

One way Airshare encourages safe flying is by providing access to an online tool to log flights. This is not for public sharing rather, is a tool for:

- Users (and general public) to ensure they are not flying in controlled airspace; and
- Commercial users to apply for authorisation from Air Traffic Control operators to fly within controlled airspace; and
- Air traffic Control operators to better-monitor controlled airspace

Your Request

We refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (“OIA”) set out on the FYI.org.nz website on 23 March 2017.

You have requested the following information:

- Data Airways currently holds for Whenuapai flights from 19 December 2016 to 26 March 2017 by: latitude and longitude coordinates; date and time of flights; whether the flight is under Rules Part 101 or Part 102.

Our Response

We are happy to provide you with this information on return of a signed confidentiality agreement, which is required to protect the confidential and commercial sensitivities of Airshare users. Please let us know if you would like us to send you a confidentiality agreement.

Should you choose not to sign a confidentiality agreement, we regrettably advise you that we are withholding the information under sections 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA as disclosing this information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the party that supplied it. Furthermore, the information is subject to an obligation of confidence and the making of

that information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information continue to be supplied.

Your rights

Please note that you are entitled to apply to the Ombudsman for a review of our decisions pursuant to section 28(3) of the OIA.

Kind regards



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Official Information Act Office