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**Brett Cottle** 

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REF: OIA-3361

Dear Brett

## Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 1 November 2017 to the Ministry of Transport, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

On 22/8/16 I was involved in a road accident, the police advised that Traffic Light cameras were operating at the time so I'd like to obtain the footage please.

The time was about 9.15am

The intersection was the Traffic lights at the top of the (southbound) Massey Rd, Mangere offramp on SH20. We were pulling off the motorway and turning right to go (west) across the motorway overbridge and a van coming across the bridge from the west ran a red light and t-boned us.

On 7 November 2017, your request was transferred under section 14(b) of the Act, to the NZ Transport Agency.

You have requested CCTV footage, however, the CCTV system is designed to overwrite existing footage with new footage once the existing space on the CCTV system is reached. Footage is overwritten automatically after approximately three to five days, but can differ based on region.

The incident you refer to took place on 22 August 2017. The Transport Agency received your request for footage on 7 November 2017—more than five days after the incident. The relevant footage has not been retained by the Transport Agency. As such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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