

30 November 2022

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REF: OIA-11517

Dear Richard

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 17 November 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) in relation to the reply that you received to OIA-10818:

Thank you for this material - much of which is newly released. Having read the provided information I cannot see any evidence of anything pre-dating mid 2022 which relates to the 17,000vpd figure which Waka Kotahi relied on in the Nov 2021 document (08).

I do note however that drafts of 'Cycle Lane Traffic Assessment' across June 2021 progressively removed text and data likely to be supportive of a Cycle Lane (Shared Path) and the inclusion of material not supportive of capacity for a cycle lane. I therefore invite Waka Kotahi to provide an explanation for these redrafts.

Additionally, in Document 12 (Page 2) your Graham O-Connell (11/7/22 11:05am) asks the ASM to 'write a mythology' on the source of 17,000vpd for use in responding to the OIA. The ASM agree to do this (11:10am) but caveat their reply (6:05pm) that the 17,000vpd figure they produce is a 'a coincidence' as they were unaware of it in 2021 other than seeing it in the media.

This email trail was circulated to senior staff in Waka Kotahi, ASM and Resolve none of whom appeared to flag concerns that there was clear evidence that the OIA reply relating to the 17,000vpd (Nov 2021) was back-calculated in 2022 to best match the November 2021 figure (ASM call it 'a coincidence') and that a 'mythology' (a fictional work) was written to lend credence to it.

The basis for the figure of 17,000 vehicles per day can be found on pages 26 (Table 4, Level 4 information) and 28 (level 4 demand reduction graph) of the *Auckland Harbour Bridge Active Mode Provision – Traffic Impact Assessment (24 June 2021)*. This report was provided to you as Attachment 6 in the Waka Kotahi response to OIA-10818. The explanation for this figure is also outlined in the Resolve email of Wednesday 20 July 2022, at 3:27 PM (the first email in Attachment 12 provided to you in response to OIA-10818).

Your remaining questions require Waka Kotahi to form an opinion or provide an explanation, and so create new information to answer the request. Waka Kotahi is not under an obligation to create new information in order to response to a request.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Ministerial Services by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Elston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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