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Dear Darren

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your emails of 4 November 2022 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding the Pito-one to Melling (P2M) Cycleway.

My response to each part of your request is provided below.

The NZTA Safe Systems Design Process

Internet links to, or electronic copies of documents that define the quality assurance and quality control processes that are intended to prevent design failures and should have been applied to the P2M project.

These may include manuals, procedures and guidance that define a:

- *quality control review, a design review or a peer review,*
- *judgement of the quality of a project*
- *compliance check with standards, guidelines or drawings and specifications*
- *redesign of a project*
- *safe system audit.*

Waka Kotahi understands that there is a strong public interest in making this information publicly available and has therefore decided to publish the design documents on its website. We had hoped to be in a position to publish the information in line with our response to your request made under the Act, however, there have been unexpected delays while collating the documents.

We anticipate that this information will be published by the end of March 2023. Once published, the information will be publicly available on the Te Ara Tupua project page at:

www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-ara-tupua/.

I am therefore declining this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested will soon be publicly available.

The NZTA Safe Systems Design Process Output

The identities of the key decision makers accountable and responsible for the P2M design including the:

- *Project Sponsor, Jetesh Bhula*
- *Project Manager, Chris Nally and Jerrell Bagsic*

- *Client (if different to the above)* Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
- *Lead Designer*, AECOM
- *Safety Engineer and*, Steve James
- *Safety Auditor*. WSP

The names and positions of those responsible for the design of the P2M cycleway are listed above. I am withholding the identities of external contractors under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make this information available.

The P2M records of any:

- *quality control review, design review or peer review,*
- *judgement of the quality of a project,*
- *compliance check with standards, guidelines or drawings and specifications (noting that compliance with standards or other documents does not necessarily result in a safe system),*
- *safety systems audit and*
- *redesign work as a result of any review or safety audit.*

The documents falling within scope of this part of your request are included in the information which Waka Kotahi is preparing to make publicly available. Therefore, this part of your request has also been declined under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested will soon be publicly available.

The Plan to Rectify Design Failures

The plans to rectify the design failures and deliver a safe P2M cycleway.

Waka Kotahi does not consider that there are any serious design failures in the P2M cycleway. As such, no plans to rectify the alleged failures exists. I am therefore declining this section of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain 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 withhold certain information and refuse parts of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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



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