

28 March 2024

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REF: OIA-14811

Dear G Smith

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 29 February 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I request all reports, plans, contracts, funding sources and any evaluative material prepared in regards to this environmental programme.*

Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to research and collate the information you have requested, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act. Your request would require reviewing several thousand documents covering the years from 2017, when the Mt Messenger project was started, to the present day.

We have considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help. However, doing the research required would pull many team members away from their day to day and have a substantial impact on our ability to deliver the project.

On 7 March 2024 we wrote to you requesting a clarification and refinement of your request. We have not received a response to that request.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(f) as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I do not consider there are any factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA), please contact us by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JS', written in a cursive style.

**James Sorensen**  
Manager Ministerial Services