

6 October 2015

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Dear John

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 9 September 2015 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

'Reference is made in project documents to environmental issues that allegedly exist on the north side of the Mangere Inlet. These environmental issues are offered as one of the reasons for building the foreshore motorway.

Please advise of studies done or publications, surveys, bulletins and reference materials used to support claims made in project documents and at public forums. I request your supporting information on the following:

- Level and chemical make-up of leachate and other contaminants entering the Mangere Inlet on the north side from Anne's Creek to the Port of Onehunga.
- Evidence of and quantity of methane gas that may be leaking from the Pyke's Point tip site and surrounding areas.
- Water quality of the Mangere Inlet and what may cause any changes to that quality, now and in the future.'

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed. These documents were prepared in October and November 2014 and outline some of the preliminary environmental assessments for the East West Connections programme.

- Attachment A: *East West Connections Project: Contaminated Land Assessment to Support Option Selection*, October 2014
- Attachment B: *East West Connections: Coastal Process Assessment to Support Option Selection*, October 2014
- Attachment C: *East West Connections Project: Construction Erosion and Sediment Management Assessment to Support Option Selection*, November 2014
- Attachment D: *East West Connections Report: Options shortlisting – preliminary groundwater assessment*, November 2014
- Attachment E: *East West Connections Project: Ecological Assessment to Support Option Selection*, November 2014

The next step will be to work with Auckland Council, WaterCare and other stakeholders to thoroughly assess the potential environmental effects and to develop mitigation measures. The effects and proposed mitigation will be considered by planning commissioners when we seek consents for the programme to proceed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Scott Wickman, Senior Transport Planner, by email to scott.wickman@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (09) 969 9800.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B Gliddon', with a stylized, cursive script.

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