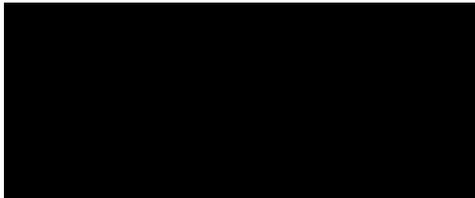




9 June 2021



Thank you for your email of 23 April 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information regarding the Maramarua Bus to Hauraki Plains College:

Under the public information act I require all information on why this has happened to our schools bus stop after this route had been going consistently for many years.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to talk with James Meffan, Group Manager – School Transport, about the concerns raised in your emails. We hope the information we found to be in scope of your request will further address these issues. However, if you have any remaining questions about these issues James is happy to discuss them with you and can be contacted on 04 463 1524.

We have located a total of 12 documents in scope of your request, comprised of emails and their attachments, and a Route Review Decision Form. The emails and attachments are attached as **Appendix A**.

Some information within Appendix A has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Two of the documents within Appendix A contain information that does not relate to your request. For this reason, an excerpt of the relevant information has been provided under section 16(1)(e) of the Act. The documents where this has occurred are as follows:

- Document 1b – Draft bus timetables
- Document 2a – Draft bus timetables

Similarly, four email attachments have not been included as they pertain to routes other than the Maramarua bus route. Please see the document table below for our decision on the release of each document.

The Route Review Decision Form, attached as **Appendix B**, contains information that is not in scope of your request. Therefore, we are providing an excerpt of this document under section 16(1)(e) of the Act.

Some information has been withheld from **Appendix B** under the following sections of the Act:

- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- section 9(2)(j) of, to enable the Ministry to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of the withheld information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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