

2 October 2025

Official information request for information on rail max reuse option for the Cook Strait Ferry Replacement Programme

I refer to your official information request dated 4 September 2025 under the Official Information Act 1982.

You have requested *"the following information relating to the "rail max reuse" option chosen for the Cook Strait Ferry Replacement Programme, with particular focus on Wellington infrastructure:*

- **Item 1** *Any diagrams, design drawings, or engineering schematics that show how the "rail max reuse" option will be implemented at Wellington, including the proposed new linkspan, wharf extension, and integration with existing yards and terminal areas.*
- **Item 2** *Any descriptions, presentations, or planning documents that outline how existing Wellington facilities will be reused or modified under the rail-max reuse approach.*
- **Item 3** *Briefing notes, reports, or summaries provided to Ministers or senior officials since 1 January 2024 that specifically discuss Wellington infrastructure works under the rail max reuse option."*

We are declining your request for Items 1 and 2 under section 9(2)(j) of the OIA so that we can carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, our commercial negotiations.

We are also declining your request for information in Item 3 under section 18(d) of the OIA as this information has been released by The Treasury. This information can be accessed through this link: [Official Information Act Response 20250327](#).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision.

Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Finally, please be advised that this OIA will be published on the www.ferryholdings.co.nz from 3 October 2025 at noon.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact info@ferryholdings.co.nz.

Yours sincerely





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