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Dear Michael

Thank you for your letter of 22 November 2012 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- 'all communication and correspondence with the Transport Minister regarding the Capital Connection business case submitted by Greater Wellington and Horizons regional councils.'

The information you have requested is being withheld under section 9(2)(j) of the Official Information Act 1982. This section allows for the withholding of information to 'enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)'. I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available at this time.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to withhold this information. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10152
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If you have any further queries, please feel free to contact our regional media manager Anthony Frith.

Yours sincerely



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