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Dear Mr Peach

I refer to your request dated 14 April 2016, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“Could you please provide (under the OIA) any analysis, undertaken by either the Ministry of Transport or NZTA, which forecasts the impact of the government’s investment in the land transport system on the level of greenhouse gas emissions from transport over the medium to long term. Particularly, I’m interested in any analysis done which analyses the effect on emissions of the investment direction outlined in the most recent Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, and National Land Transport Plan.*

*I’m interested in analysis dating from, and including, 2014. To clarify, I’m not interested in receiving analysis of the emissions impact of individual projects. Could you also provide any advice sent to Ministers which is informed by any of the above analysis you find.”*

No analysis or other documents were found, either by the Ministry or NZTA, within the scope of your request. Accordingly your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

Although no analysis or documents were found for the specific request, the NZTA is considering climate change across the investments made under the National Land Transport Programme. The NZTA is looking at how environmental outcomes can be improved and the way transport interacts with New Zealand’s cities, rural areas and natural environment.

The NZTA is looking to improve these outcomes through:

- investing in public transport and consequently moving more people more efficiently to where they need to be
- investing in freight so that more freight will be on fewer trucks resulting in fewer trips taken and less fuel used
- easing congestion and improving journey time predictability so that vehicles spend less time on the road and use less fuel to get where they are going
- making cycling a safer and more attractive choice of transport through infrastructure investment, such as that under the Urban Cycleways Programme
- investing in transport projects that make our cities more accessible, safe and easy to live in

- providing smart transport links to new housing developments and therefore alleviating housing pressure costs and not transferring these pressures to the environment.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint about this refusal to the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsmen  
P O Box 10-152  
**WELLINGTON**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leo Mortimer', with a large, stylized initial 'L'.

Leo Mortimer  
**Manager**  
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