

From: [Allie Dunn](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: Response to additional request for Information re Pahiatua Drainage trans
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Kia ora

I refer to your official information request of 6 August 2026, which was transferred to Tararua District Council by New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982.

The information sought in your request substantially overlaps with the matters raised in your official information requests dated 16 July 2026 and 23 July 2026 relating to the drainage and stormwater infrastructure in the vicinity of Tiraumea Road, State Highway 2 and Halls Road, Pahiatua.

Tararua District Council provided a response to those requests by email on 7 August 2026. As the questions raised in the transferred request are, in substance, the same as or closely related to the matters addressed in that response, we refer you to the information provided in our earlier email of 7 August 2026, which addresses the Council-held information relevant to your request.

We consider the below request to be a repeat of matters already responded to and we therefore refer you to our earlier response of today.

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.

Ngā mihi



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From: Official Correspondence <Official.Correspondence@nzta.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 7 August 2026 10:48 am

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: OIA-23048 NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER

Kia ora Hira

Thank you for your email of 6 August 2026 regarding a culvert at the intersection of Tiraumea Road, State Highway 2 and Halls Road, Pahiatua.

After reviewing your request, we have determined that the information you are seeking relates to a stormwater asset that is owned, managed and maintained by Tararua District Council rather than NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

As the structure you have enquired about forms part of the local authority's stormwater network, Tararua District Council is best placed to respond to your request.

Accordingly, we will transfer your request in full to Tararua District Council for consideration and response. You can expect to hear from the Council directly regarding your request.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 6 August 2026 12:36 pm

To: Official Correspondence <Official.Correspondence@nzta.govt.nz>; Info@nzta.govt.nz

Cc: [REDACTED]; scott.gilmore@tararuadc.govt.nz; info@tararuadc.govt.nz

Subject: Re: OIA-23048 NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER

Tēnā koutou NZTA,

I require you to answer the questions that do more closely connected with your functions.

As I am sure you are aware central government effects local governace and local governace effects central governace.

Therefor because of your inability to perceive the initial OIA Request I am providing you with a new OIA Request as follows:

Official Information Act 1982 Request:

To: New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

Subject: Official Information Request – State Highway 2 Culvert and Drainage Infrastructure, Pahiatua

Pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, I request the following information held by New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi relating to the culvert conveying drainage from Tiraumea Road beneath State Highway 2 (SH2), continuing alongside Halls Road past Waireka Home and discharging into the Halls Road drainage system near the bridge.

Please provide the following information:

1. The design discharge capacity (maximum flow rate) of the culvert beneath State Highway 2, including any engineering calculations or design specifications held by NZTA.
2. Any engineering assessments, modelling, or design information relating to the culvert's hydraulic capacity when the outlet is submerged or subject to backwater conditions.
3. The design height, dimensions, and engineering drawings (if held) of the downstream flow-diversion structure near the Halls Road bridge that influences water movement through the drainage network.
4. The surveyed invert level (bottom elevation) of the culvert outlet.
5. Any hydraulic assessments or modelling held by NZTA regarding the downstream drainage capacity immediately receiving discharge from the State Highway culvert.
6. Any reports, assessments, correspondence, or advice held by NZTA concerning constraints or limitations in the downstream drainage system that may affect the operation of the State Highway culvert.
7. Any rainfall design criteria, storm event assumptions, or flood-frequency information used by NZTA when designing, assessing, or maintaining this culvert.
8. The catchment area used by NZTA in the hydraulic design or assessment of this culvert.
9. Any hydraulic calculations, modelling, or engineering assessments held by NZTA estimating runoff volumes or peak flows entering the culvert from the contributing catchment.

10. Copies of any risk assessments, maintenance records, inspection reports, engineering reviews, or correspondence relating to flooding, drainage performance, or public safety associated with this culvert or its surrounding drainage network.

11. If NZTA considers that another public authority is responsible for any part of the drainage system downstream of the State Highway culvert, please identify that authority and specify where responsibility transfers from NZTA.

12. If any part of this request is more appropriately answered by another agency, I request that those parts be transferred under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 and that I be advised accordingly.

I request acknowledgement of receipt of this request and look forward to your response within the statutory timeframe prescribed by the Official Information Act 1982.

Ngā mihi nui,

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----- Original Message -----

On Thursday, 07/30/26 at 09:44 Official Correspondence

<Official.Correspondence@nzta.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora

Transferring the request you made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email below requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of Tararua District Council than with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi. Therefore,

NZ Transport Agency is transferring your request to Tararua District Council under section 14 of the Act.

The time limit for their response to you is 20 working days from 30 July 2026 so you can expect a response from Tararua District Council on or before 27 August 2026.

Ngā mihi

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 23 July 2026 11:49 am

To: info@tararua.govt.nz; Help <help@horizons.govt.nz>; info@nzta.govt.nz; enquiries@mcert.govt.nz; Info <info@ombudsman.parliament.nz>; Speakers Office <Speakers.Office@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: Rt Hon Christopher Luxon <Christopher.Luxon@parliament.govt.nz>; nikki.riley@horizons.govt.nz; Scott Gilmore (Tararua DC) <scott.gilmore@tararua.govt.nz>; Christopher Bishop (MIN) <C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Health and Safety Issue and Concern: Pahiatua Drainage

Tēnā koutou Tararua District Council, Horizons Regional Council and New Zealand Government; MCERT, NZTA, Ombudsman and all honorable members of Parliament,

LGOIMA and OIA Request:

I required the information pertaining to the Tiraumea Rd culvert in Pahiatua that goes from Tiraumea Rd under the State Highway 2 (SH 2), then goes in front of Waireka Home along Halls Rd with its outlet being 90 degree sideways elbow being near the bridge on halls road, into drainage there that typically only goes northwards through town because of the diverter system by the bridge:

1. What is the max volume capacity of water through that culvert that it can handle with its outlet being a sideways angle?
2. What is is max volume capacity of water through that culvert when its outlet is fully submerged?
3. What is the height of the water diverter that allows flow further down halls road?

4. What is the height at the bottom of the outlet?
5. What is the maximum volume capacity of water through the culvert at for the end of the Hall Rd drainage what flows through a farm land to the river?
6. What is the current and potential maximum volume capacity of water of the drainage through that farm land?
7. What is the maximum amount of rain fall that happen in a single day last year in Pahiatua?
8. What is the land area that the Tiraumea Rd drainage serves?
9. What is the calculation of the total amount of accumulated water volume from the area and the rain fall questions just asked that would be at the point of where the Tireamea Rd culvert that goes under the State Highway 2?
10. Who is responsible if flooding does now occur in this area when all Government authorities have been notified of this public health and safety issue and concern?
11. What system shall be in place to retain issues, concerns and notifications such as this when the amalgamation happens?
12. What democratically elected community boards shall be established in the amalgamation process so that no community losses its democratic community voice and its ability to present issues, concerns and notifications in a community collaborative effort through them such as this?

Acknowledgement required.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kia ora.

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