

From: Information Management Team
Sent: Wednesday, 13 July 2022 1:22 pm
To: fyi-request-19801-b5e209fa@requests.fyi.org.nz
Subject: Official Information request - Cross Valley Connection Programme Business Case

Kia ora Darren

Thank you for your information request of 1 July 2022. You have asked for:

"... the economics assessment spreadsheet used to generate the dollar values in the Cross Valley Connection Programme Business Case.

In addition, this request is for latest version of the economics assessment spreadsheet (or its replacement) if it is different to the economics assessment spreadsheet requested above.

This request includes any spreadsheets or other files linked in the economics assessment spreadsheet. All worksheets and cells are expected to be unlocked and unhidden."

The worksheets used for the Cross Valley Connection Programme Business Case were provided in response to a previous LGOIMA request. They are available on Hutt City Council's public website at the following link:

https://hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net/api/download/fc39961f534d41c5a38606983a24989b/_extinfo/a5ce5619475522af4dae8e5b27563473bbeb

The Council contracted the drafting of the business case for the Cross Valley Connection to a private entity. The methodology, formulae and spreadsheets generated are the intellectual property of this third party. Accordingly, unlocked worksheets, spreadsheets and formulae for the economics assessment are withheld under section 7(2)(b) of the LGOIMA, to protect the commercial position of this party. The worksheets are therefore provided as a pdf.

Further, there are an extensive number of spreadsheets associated with the Business Case. As such, we are also refusing this part of your request under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

The economics assessment was carried out in January 2020, hence the previous version of New Zealand Transport Agency's Economics Evaluation Manual (EEM) was used. The EEM was later superseded by the new Waka Kotahi Monetised Benefits and Costs Manual (MBCM) in August 2020.

The EEM and MBCM calculations and spreadsheets used are provided in the following links from the Waka Kotahi website:

www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/economic-evaluation-manual
www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/monetised-benefits-and-costs-manual

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Nāku noa, nā

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