

18 August 2026

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Your request

Thank you for your request, received on 21 July, under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) for the following information:

1. *The list of all 13 data centre projects* that the Electricity Authority has logged as "coming" projects, including:*
 - *Proposed location / region / address if available*
 - *Estimated MW load / electricity demand*
 - *Name of company / operator if available*
 - *Current status: proposed, consented, or under construction*
2. *Any information held by the EA about data centre projects specifically proposed for the Waikato region / Hamilton / WEL Networks area*

Our response

The Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko (Authority) has identified the 13 projects and the related information you requested.

Some of the information within scope of your request is publicly available as set out in the table below. It can be found either on the Transpower website (the shaded sections in the table below) accessed [here](#) via this webpage [Connections Management Framework stage](#) or elsewhere online for example here: [Datagrid Datacentre Park](#) and here: [Auckland Surf Park Community Stage 2](#).

Project	Region	Capacity	Proponent	Connections management framework stage	Consent status
Datagrid Datacentre Park	Southland*	280MW*	Datagrid	Investigation	Consented
Dairy Flat Data Centre	Auckland				
Takanini 2x 33kV Feeders	Auckland	30MW	Vector Limited	Delivery	
Henderson 2 x 33 kV Feeders	Auckland	30MW	Vector Limited	Delivery	
	Auckland	150MW		Solution Proposal	
	Auckland	200MW		Application	

The remaining information within scope is provided by Transpower on a confidential basis. In addition, the Authority considers the disclosure of this information would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of those who supplied or who are the subject of the information. Therefore, this information is withheld under sections 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(ba) of the Act. Similarly, any information about data centre projects specifically proposed for the Waikato region is withheld under sections 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(ba) of the Act.

I am satisfied, in terms of section 9(1) of the Act, that the need to withhold the information referred to above is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

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.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Authority may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All personal data, including your name and contact details, will be removed before publication.

If you'd like to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact us by emailing oya@ea.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Airihi Mahuika', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Airihi Mahuika
GM Legal, Monitoring and Compliance