

28 September 2023

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By email: s9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request, received on 14 September, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- any information regarding any future activity for electricity pylons and high voltage lines in the Sockburn area.

The Electricity Authority does not hold any information on future activity for lines or pylon assets in the Sockburn area of Canterbury and we cannot think of any other agency that would hold it, or whose functions would be more closely connected to it.

We have undertaken searches of our document management system and discussed your request with the managers of the Network Pricing team, Market Monitoring team, Operations Policy team, and Retail and Networks Policy team at the Authority who engage with distribution (lines) companies in the course of their role. We have been unable to identify any documents or information that meets your request.

Therefore, I am declining your request under section 18(g) of the Act as we do not hold any information within scope of your request.

I understand, from your request, that you have reviewed Orion's spatial plan and asset management plan. These publicly available documents typically include details on plans for line assets, details on any changes to current assets, and information on investment into resilience of the lines. I recommend contacting Orion directly if you want more clarification on the plans for their assets.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us by emailing oia@ea.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā,



Airihī Mahuika

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