

Reference: 20210495



16 November 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 26 October 2021. You requested:

copies of all information created or held by the Treasury in relation to the proposed and actual acquisition by Kāinga Ora of Ferncliffe Farms greenfields development site at Tauriko West, Tauranga.

Please take this advice to include but not be limited to all reports, briefings and aide memoires prepared for Ministers, advice provided by any external consultants as well as all correspondence entered into about this potential or actual acquisition including correspondence with officials at other departments, and or advisors at external agencies and minutes or agendas of any meetings in which this proposed or actual acquisition was an item of business.

Kāinga Ora is currently in commercial negotiations with the vendors of the Ferncliffe Farms site. I am therefore refusing your request under Section 9(2)(j) of the Act, as to make the requested information available at this time would prejudice commercial negotiations that are ongoing.

In making my decision, I have had regard to the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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