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By email: [fyi-request-13834-f2c31beb@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-13834-f2c31beb@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe Robert

I refer to your requests for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated **17 September 2020**:

*“Please provide to me any documentation relating to the potential renovation, repair or demolition of the Gordon Wilson and McLean flats buildings in Wellington, owned by Victoria University.*

*I am interested in any reports, memos or other documents that include any assessment of the viability and cost of resolving the buildings’ problems and/or their demolition to allow them to be re-occupied or replaced.”*

In 2016, Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington sought a private plan change relating to the land at 320 The Terrace and the Gordon Wilson Building. All documentation relating to this application is publicly available on [Wellington City Council’s website](#).

The University is in the process of lodging a resource consent application for a staged development on the site. More information about the proposed development is publicly available [here](#).

The University will release all information relating to this application as soon as it is lodged. This will include information as to the potential renovation, repair or demolition of the Gordon Wilson and MacLean Flats buildings. Accordingly, the University is refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis that the requested information will soon be publicly 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at [oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz).

Yours sincerely

**Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington**