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Tēnā koe Marcus

OIA: 1320408 - Update on Kumeu College site acquisition

Thank you for your email on 24 January 2023 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

Further to my previous request, duly answered: <https://fyi.org.nz/request/24233-further-kumeu-college-site-acquisition-update#incoming-91519>

1) Could you please provide an update on the site acquisition process. I understand specific details will be withheld under S9(2)(j).

2) Further, in light of the fact that negotiations have been reportedly "in progress" for some considerable time, could you advise whether or not the Ministry has considered compulsory acquisition under the PWA, and if not, why not?

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). We have numbered your request for clarity.

In response to **part one** of the request, as mentioned in the previous request, the Ministry is currently in discussions with the owners of the preferred site. I can advise that the negotiation is still ongoing with no update regarding site acquisition.

In response to **part two** of the request, the Minister, as a requiring authority, can seek to use compulsory acquisition of land for education purposes through the provisions of the Public Works Act 1981. The Ministry's property team considers the most appropriate negotiation strategy for a given project based on a number of factors, including land options available, owner interest in selling and timing of the requirement. The large majority of land purchases are achieved by the Ministry without the use of compulsory acquisition. The Minister reserves the right to utilise those provisions if necessary and suitable. It would not be appropriate for the Ministry to comment on whether the education requirement in Kumeu is a candidate for compulsory acquisition.

Thank you again for your email.



Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sam Fowler'.

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