

Ref: DOIA 20-085

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E Robertson

By email: fyi-request-11262-caf2b83e@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear E Robertson

Thank you for your official information request received on 20 September 2019 regarding insight into national geospatial leadership and geospatial standards development and promotion.

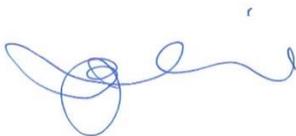
Some of the information you have requested is provided as listed in the table below. However, you will note that some information has been withheld and the various reasons for this are also detailed in the table. We are of the view that the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make that information available.

We note your interest in LINZ's role with respect to national geospatial leadership and standards and, given the historical nature of the documents you have requested, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you in more detail our forward-looking strategic direction. For example, we are currently considering the [Integrated Geospatial Information Framework](#)¹ developed by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), which we see as the next evolution of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure previously led by the New Zealand Geospatial Office.

If you wish to discuss the future direction of LINZ's geospatial leadership and standards roles, or the OIA decisions within this letter, please feel free to contact me directly on (04) 498 3840 or jpierce@linz.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this OIA decisions set out in this letter. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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¹ <http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/documents/Part%201-IGIF-Overarching-Strategic-Framework-24July2018.pdf>

Summary table of responses to information requested:

Information requested	OIA request decision
<p>1. Please provide the final copies of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the report 'Geospatial Function Review' undertaken by Deidre Hill, February-September 2018 <hr/> <p>Plus any accompanying and associated reports, appendices or annexes.</p>	<p>Please find the Hill report within the attached "Feedback Document" dated 07 August 2018.</p> <hr/> <p>The Hill report did not have any accompanying and associated reports, appendices or annexes. Therefore, this request has been refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act because the information is not held. Please note, we have considered documents and other information which were inputs into this report as out of scope for this request.</p>
<p>2. Please provide the final copies of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the associated report on "Geospatial Standards and Interoperability" (Author: Palmer, 2018). <hr/> <p>Plus any accompanying and associated reports, appendices or annexes.</p>	<p>Please find the Palmer report attached within the "Feedback Document" dated 07 August 2018. Details of some interviewees (page 33) have been withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Official Information Act because its release may prejudice the supply of confidential information and its future availability. One redaction on page 22 has been made under section 9(2)(g)(i) which relates to free and frank expression of opinion.</p> <hr/> <p>The Palmer report did not have any accompanying and associated reports, appendices or annexes. Therefore, this request has been refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act because the information is not held. Please note, we have considered documents and other information which were inputs into this report as out of scope for this request.</p>
<p>3. Please provide copies of all feedback, in any form (email, oral, etc), received on these reports during both the writing of the reports AND after their publication.</p>	<p>Feedback received during the writing of the Hill and Palmer reports was provided orally and no records (ie, meeting minutes) were made. Therefore, this request is refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act because the information is not held.</p> <hr/> <p>Feedback received after the publication of the Hill and Palmer reports (which were published together as the "Feedback Document" (07 August 2018)) is attached. Some identifying details (ie, names, job titles etc) and other information have been withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Official Information Act because their release may prejudice the supply of confidential information and its future availability.</p>

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<p>4. Please provide copies of any revisions of these reports that arose from incorporating any feedback received and copies of subsequent feedback on the revised version(s) of the reports.</p>	<p>The Hill and Palmer reports (published together within the "Feedback Document" (07 August 2018)) were not revised as a result of any feedback received. Therefore, this request is refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act because the information is not held.</p> <p>While the Hill and Palmer reports themselves were not revised as a result of the feedback received, they were used to inform the subsequent "Consultation Document" (dated 26 September 2018) which is attached for your information.</p>
<p>5. Please provide the final copies of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the report on standards and interoperability led by Greenland (2019) <p>Plus any accompanying and associated reports, appendices or annexes.</p> <p>Please provide copies of all feedback, in any form (email, oral, etc), received on these reports during both the writing of the reports AND after their publication.</p> <p>Please provide copies of any revisions of these reports that arose from incorporating any feedback received and copies of subsequent feedback on the revised version(s) of the reports.</p>	<p>All information requested in relation to the Greenland report is currently under active consideration, therefore, this request is refused under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act. We anticipate that any actions and/or decisions in relation to this report will be made by early 2020.</p>
<p>6. Please provide any report(s), information or evidence that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. laid the foundations for the decision to close the New Zealand Geospatial Office (NZGO) 	<p>In 2017, the decision to overtly integrate the principles of the New Zealand Geospatial Strategy (2007) into LINZ's core location information activities was made as part of a broader organisation realignment. Please find attached the Consultation Document (29 May 2017) and the Decision Document (15 June 2017). Please note, we have considered documents and other information which were inputs into the Consultation Document as out of scope for this request.</p>
<p>Please provide any report(s), information or evidence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. on any meetings or communications that took place around establishing a successor to the NZGO. 	<p>As noted in the documents provided, the key principles of the New Zealand Geospatial Strategy and the functions of the NZGO were integrated into the Location Information business group, so a specific successor to the NZGO has not been established. Therefore, this request has been refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act because the information is not held.</p>