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Dear Gerry

I refer to your request received on 27 September 2019, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

*“...communication between the Waitematā Board and the Ministry in relation to the Proposed National Erebus Memorial.”*

In response to this request, the Ministry has searched for and collated all emails and letters sent to or from the Waitematā Local Board. This reflects substantive correspondence with the Waitematā Local Board. Please note that much of the email correspondence is from Auckland Council email addresses. This reflects the fact that under the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009, local boards do not have separate legal standing from Auckland Council. We have treated your request as relating to Waitematā Local Board members and staff whose roles relate to that Board.

#### **Information being released**

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description
1	5/11/18	Email: <i>National Erebus Memorial media release - for your information - under embargo - 5 November 2018</i>
2 & 3	21/11/2018	Email: <i>“FW: Media release - Auckland site approved for National Erebus Memorial - 21 November 2018” and attached draft media release</i>
4	18/12/2018	Email: <i>RE: touching base - 18 December 2018</i>
4	8/3/2019	Email: <i>RE: National Erebus Memorial - Invitation to March 12 Meeting - 8 March 2019</i>
6	1/4/2019	Email: <i>RE: Erebus memorial design announcement - 1 April 2019</i>
7	4/4/2019	Email: <i>RE: Erebus Memorial design - 4 April 2019</i>
8	7/6/2019	Email: <i>meeting with Bernadette Cavbanagh - 7 June 2019</i>
9	14/6/2019	Email: <i>FW: Possible catch up next Tuesday - 14 June 2019</i>
10	1/7/2019	Email: <i>RE: National Erebus Memorial - 1 July 2019</i>
11	31/7/2019	Email: <i>FW: Erebus memorial - 31 July 2019</i>
12	21/8/2019	Email: <i>RE: Erebus Memorial - 21 August 2019</i>
13	3/9/2019	Email: <i>RE: Parnell Erebus - 3 September 2019</i>

14	12/9/2019	Email: <i>FW: Concerns regarding the Proposed National Erebus Memorial - 12 September 2019</i>
15	26/9/2019	Email: <i>Fwd Concerns regarding the Proposed National Erebus Memorial and the Local Board's consultation phase</i>
16	2018-2019	Text messages between Sarah Ingram from the Ministry for Culture and Heritage and Pippa Coom Chair of the Waitemata Board

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the OIA:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions

#### **Information being withheld**

There are additional documents covered by your request that I have decided to withhold in full under the following sections of the OIA:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons

It was not possible to release the related emails without breaching the privacy of an individual.

#### **Information publicly available**

Any mentioned media releases are publicly available on the Ministry for Culture and Heritage website here: <https://mch.govt.nz/news-events/mch-press-releases>

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.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents on the Ministry's website.

Yours sincerely



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