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Martin Strickland

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Tēnā koe Martin

I refer to your email received 2 February 2021, requesting information regarding Corrections' proposed residential service at 240 Rangiu Road, Te Puke.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Providing supported accommodation for people reintegrating into the community from prison, or who are serving a community-based sentence, is extremely important. In Budget 2018, Cabinet approved \$57.6 million over four years for Corrections and Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities to establish new housing and support services. This includes residential services that provide accommodation and support to people who have an existing accommodation need and would otherwise go to or remain in prison. Corrections provides around 1,100 accommodation spaces each year and continues to work with Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities and other partners such as HealthCare New Zealand, Salvation Army and other social agencies to deliver supported accommodation around the country.

You have asked for:

1. What date Corrections advised you that it was intending to establish a facility at 240 Rangiu Road, Rangiu?
2. What date Corrections advised you it intended to open the facility?

I am advised by officials at Corrections that it has not been confirmed that the proposed residential service will go ahead. Therefore, there is currently no opening date for the proposed service at 240 Rangiu Rd.

3. What dates Corrections advised you it had consulted with the Community and who it consulted with relating to those dates?

I was advised by officials at Corrections on 13 November 2020 that they had recently begun engagement with Tapuika Iwi Authority and were planning to engage with other community stakeholders from 13 November.

4. When Corrections told you that Tapuika Iwi Authority did not support the proposal to establish the facility?

5. When Corrections told you that The Iwi Authority whilst supporting the Kaupapa in relation to the facility had offered an alternative location which was dismissed out of hand by Corrections.

My office has not received information from Corrections about this specific matter. Therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

6. What Corrections has told you in regards to all Community engagement it has had with all sections of the Community?

Please find attached an emails from officials at Corrections received on 15 October and 13 November 2020. Some information has been excluded as it is not deemed in scope of the request.

6. What criteria were used by your Department for which you hold Ministerial responsibility for selecting 240 Rangiuuru Road as their site of choice?
7. What advice has been given to you by the Corrections concerning the number of elderly, unwell and frail residents of Rangiuuru Road as regards to the arrangements Corrections will have in place to guarantee their safety, mental and physical well being?
8. Given the very real overcrowded housing situations that a number of houses in Rangiuuru face (several sadly are in a dire situation) why Kainga Ora / Housing NZ is not using this as a "self care" environment for local families in real need instead of just individuals nominated by Corrections?
9. What advice Corrections provided you with as regards housing Gang Members at the facility and having approved visitors who are Gang Members?

As noted above, I am advised by officials at Corrections that it has not been confirmed that the proposed service will go ahead. I have only received advice from Corrections on these matter in the emails attached. Therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. If you have any concerns with this response you may raise them with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon Kelvin Davis
Minister of Corrections

From: [POWELL, Rebecca \(WELLHO\)](#)
To: [Matt Huddleston](#); [Hannah Pattinson](#)
Cc: [JONES, Robert \(WELLHO\)](#)
Subject: Update on Community engagement for the Housing and Support Services Programme
Date: 15 October 2020 12:06:00 p.m.

Hi Matt

As discussed this morning, here's an update on community engagement plans for Te Puke and **out of scope** – both projects are part of the Housing and Support Services programme.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Rebecca

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240 Rangiora Road, Te Puke

The proposed service will provide transitional accommodation and support services to up to 15 men who are leaving prison or serving community-based sentences to transition to independent living in the community.

It will predominantly target men who are from the Bay of Plenty region or with iwi or whanau ties to the area. Men with high and complex needs or convictions for sexually offending against adults or children will not be permitted to live at the address.

The service will be staffed 24/7 by Manaaki Support Services Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Goodwood Park Healthcare Group. Goodwood Park have been delivering reintegration services for people serving sentences and orders managed by Corrections for around eight years. Manaaki will provide wraparound support and navigational services that facilitate access to programmes and support to address the individual needs that residents may have.

The property is in a rural residential area, around six kilometres from Te Puke. It has a long private driveway and no views of Rangiora Road or nearby residential properties. It is located immediately next door to Seeka Oakside, a large kiwifruit packhouse and coolstore facility. The industrial facility is visible from the property and separated by a high wire fence. The property has 15 bedrooms, communal kitchens, lounges,

bathrooms and laundry facilities. It has two double garages with internal access that will be used for a cultural activity centre and gym. The property has expansive grounds and includes an established orchard. Manaaki plan to establish a community garden on the property. There are no education providers, parks or other areas designed for children within one kilometre. The closest is Nga Poutoko a Mua, an early childhood facility at Te Paamu marae, 1.3km away. There are four marae within 3.2km of the property.

The property was previously owned by the Vincent House Trust from around 2007. The trust used it to provide alcohol and drug abuse residential treatment, mental health residential support services and respite care.

We may decide to expand the number of residents to 25 in the future, but not without further community engagement and modifications to the property.

Kainga Ora has purchased this property for the Crown, with the view of the Corrections utilising it.

We plan to commence community engagement from Monday 19 October, starting with iwi, followed by elected officials from 2 November and the public from 16 November. We expect to make a decision in relation to progressing with the service and communicate this to stakeholders by 16 December. Depending on the outcome of our engagement, this may occur sooner.

Iwi engagement

We will engage first with Tapuika Iwi Authority, who will provide a steer on which marae to follow up with. There are a number of marae in the area. We provide community work to some of these. We expect many residents of the service to have whakapapa ties to these marae and want to find out how local hapu want to work with us to support residents to strengthen these links.

Further, we want to invite manawhenua to participate in the community representative board, attend a tour of the property and participate in tours of the property for neighbours.

Engagement with elected officials

The property is in the Rotorua and Waiariki electorates. It is on the boundary of the East Coast electorate, which begins on the other side of the road. One of the neighbouring properties is in the East Coast electorate. Because of this, we will also engage with the East Coast MP.

We will engage with the Mayor of Tauranga City, in addition to the Mayor of Western Bay of Plenty. The Mayor of Tauranga City is supportive of the proposed service and champions Kainga Tupu, the Western Bay of Plenty homelessness strategy, which this service will help address.

Community engagement

Seeka Oakside is located at 242 Rangiora Road and is immediately next door to the property. It comprises of a large industrial packhouse and coolstore. Seeka is one of the biggest orchard groups in the Bay of Plenty. They have a significant Maori and non-resident workforce.

Seeka will be included in our public engagement and we will invite them to meet with us to answer any questions or concerns they have. When we meet, we will also invite them to participate in the community representative board and work towards establishing an

employment pathway agreement that will support residents into employment in Seeka orchards and facilities. Seeka announced a labour shortage earlier this year.

In addition to Seeka, there are three immediate neighbours to the property. We will visit these properties and speak in person with neighbours about the service, invite them to attend a tour of the property and participate in the community representative board. We will also contact a range of government agencies and social services providers to advise them of the service.

If we decide to go ahead with the service, Manaaki will deliver an ongoing engagement plan to the community. This will identify ways that the service can benefit the community directly, such as community gardens and sharing food and services. They will establish and manage the community representative board.

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Rebecca Powell

General Manager Communications and Government Services

Department of Corrections, *Ara Poutama Aotearoa*

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To: [Hannah Pattinson](#); [Matt Huddleston](#)
Cc: [POWELL, Rebecca \(WELLHO\)](#); [S9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
Subject: C127600 - Housing and Support Services Programme engagement update
Date: 13 November 2020 09:51:57 a.m.
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Importance: High

Hi Hannah

Please find an update on the Housing and Support Services Programme engagement for [out of scope](#) and Te Puke.

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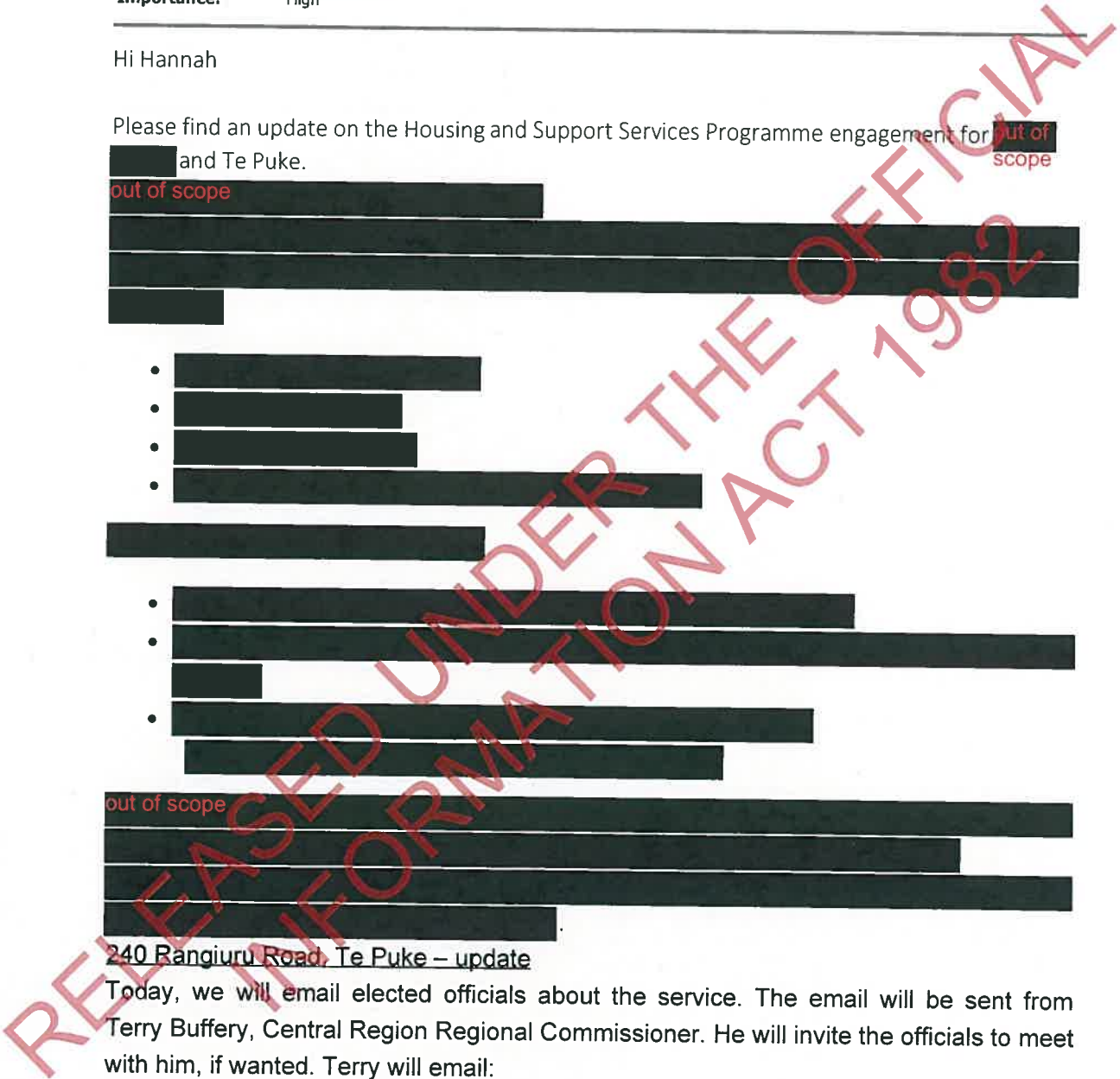
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240 Rangiuru Road, Te Puke – update

Today, we will email elected officials about the service. The email will be sent from Terry Buffery, Central Region Regional Commissioner. He will invite the officials to meet with him, if wanted. Terry will email:

- MP for Rotorua
- MP for Waiariki
- MP for East Coast
- Mayor of Tauranga City.

This is a delay to the timeline we communicated to you in October, which was that we would engage with elected officials from 2 November. The delay was partially due our



decision to wait until we knew the final results of the Waiariki electorate. The property is in the Rotorua and Waiariki electorates. It is on the boundary of the East Coast electorate, which begins on the other side of the road. One of the neighbouring properties is in the East Coast electorate. Because of this, we will also engage with the East Coast MP. We will also engage with the Mayor of Tauranga City, in addition to the Mayor of Western Bay of Plenty. The Mayor of Tauranga City is supportive of the proposed service and champions Kainga Tupu, the Western Bay of Plenty homelessness strategy, which this service will help address. Because of the delay in contacting elected officials, we have delayed our wider community engagement activities. These will now begin on 23 November. We expect all engagement activities to be complete by 11 December. We have recently begun engagement with mana whenua group Tapuika Iwi Authority and are currently organising further hui with hapu leaders about the service.

If you need any further information, please let me know. As discussed, could you also please forward to the secretary for the Minister of Housing.

Cheers, Rob

Robert Jones

Manager Ministerial Services

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