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Dear Emrys

I refer to your email dated 21 October 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information.

- *Who was the person responsible for the decision to give the property at 151 Rautawhiri Road, Helensville (Area 23, Tranche 3) Special Housing Area status under the Auckland Housing Accord? What job title did the person who approved this decision hold?*

The decision to establish the Rautawhiri Road Special Housing Area was made through Order in Council by His Excellency the Governor-General, Lieutenant General Sir Jerry Mateparae. The Governor-General was acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, and on my recommendation, as Minister of Housing at that time. My recommendation followed receipt of a recommendation endorsed by a majority of the Governing Body of the Auckland Council.

This was carried out in accordance with sections 15, 16 and 17 of the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas Act 2013.

This fully answers your request.

Kind regards

Hon Dr Nick Smith  
**Minister for Building and Housing**