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## **RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

On 20 June 2023, you requested official information regarding Colin Rath. We supplied you with the Overseas Investment Report relating to Colin's acquisition of approximately 28.74ha of sensitive land at 244-246 Georges Road, Waipara, Canterbury (the **Report**).

On 6 July 2023, you further requested that we release the redacted information from the Report, relating to Mr Rath's character.

We have considered your request and determined that, given the passage of time and Mr Rath's recent conviction in the Christchurch District Court, there are no longer sufficient grounds to continue to withhold this material. We consider Mr Rath's reasonable privacy expectation is now outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

Therefore, please find **attached** the previously redacted excerpts from the Report relating to Mr Rath's character.

We have also decided to release to you the Overseas Investment Assessment Report regarding Mr Rath's compliance with the residency conditions (dated 9 August 2022) the **Compliance Report**) which is released in part.

Some of the information in the Compliance Report has been withheld under section 9 of the Official Information Act as we consider that there is good reason to continue to withhold the information.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us at [oi@linz.org.nz](mailto:oi@linz.org.nz)

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.

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