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G R Hilliar By email <u>fyi-request-24258-dec99f73@requests.fyi.org.nz</u>

Dear G R Hilliar,

Official Information request – NZ Graduate Medical School

I refer to your request for official information of 27 September 2023 in which you have requested the following:

- 1. Please advise if entrance requirements have been established for students to enter the NZ Graduate Medical School that the University of Waikato is current working on. If said requirements have been established could you please provide them.
- 2. If a student wishing the enter does not hold a traditional undergraduate degree, but holds a Master of Business Administration Degree issued by the University of Waikato, alongside numerous professional qualifications could this student be granted special admission?

Under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) the University of Waikato (University) has given due consideration to your request and responds as follows.

Please have a look at the attached link where you will see that the creation of a Graduate Entry Medical School <u>https://www.waikato.ac.nz/major-projects/medical-school</u> is a proposal at this stage. It has not been established. As the information doesn't exist the University refuses your request for information under section 18(e) of the Act.

The University regularly updates the content of its website so please keep an eye out for any updates on the proposal.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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Jim Mercer Chief Operating Officer