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Tēnā koe Jennifer

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of 30 November 2023 requesting information regarding the Carrington development. I will respond to each part of your request as follows:

1. *On what date was the decision made that more than 236 units (page 105) or 248 units (Page 123) could be constructed in precinct 7?*
2. *Who made the decision?*

The land in question at 119B Carrington Road, which is held by the Crown for State housing purposes, is subject to Treaty of Waitangi (the Treaty) redress obligations. These obligations mean the development opportunity is to be provided to the rights holders under the Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Deed 2012 and Act 2014. The Waiohū-Tamaki Rōpū are the holder of the development opportunity for the relevant parcel of land.

To the extent that the current consent application for more than 236 or 248 units at this location represents a decision by a party, that decision was taken by the nominee of Waiohū-Tamaki Rōpū, Ngāti Te Ata. Their resource consent application was lodged on 19 December 2023. Note the EPA website has incorrectly identified Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) as the applicant for this consent. We have provided our support for the application, consistent with the terms of our Treaty obligations, but the applicant is Ngāti Te Ata.

The Ministry does not hold information which identifies the date on which a decision to apply for resource consent for more than 236 or 248 units was made, and I do not consider this information will be held by any other organisation covered by the Act. For this reason, I am refusing parts one and two of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act.

3. *Who was consulted about the proposal to increase the number of units in precinct 7 before the decision was made?*

The Ngāti Te Ata consent application is publicly available and identifies the parties with whom it has consulted on its proposal. You can find the application at: www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/fast-track-projects/. The Ministry does not hold information outside of that included in the application.

For this reason, this part of your request is refused under sections 18(g)(i) and 18(d), for the reason that the information is publicly available and not held by the Ministry.

4. *Who was consulted after the decision was made to increase the number of units that could be constructed in precinct 7?*
5. *On what date(s) were they consulted after the decision was made that the number of units could be increased in precinct 7?*

I refer you to my responses to parts one, two and three of your request as above.

6. *On what date was Unitec consulted about the removal of variation 25.4 of the sale and purchase agreement between Unitec and the Crown made in March/April 2018?*
7. *Who in Unitec was consulted about the removal of the requirement?*
8. *What Iwi and Kaumatua were consulted about the removal of variation 25.4 of the sale and purchase agreement between Unitec and the Crown made in March/April 2018?*

The Ministry does not hold information in scope of these parts of your request. Therefore, I am refusing parts six, seven and eight of your request under section 18(g)(i), as the information does not exist and I have no reason to believe it is held by another organisation covered by the Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Yours sincerely



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