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Tēnā koutou Ohakune Ratepayers and Residents' Society Inc

Thank you for your request dated 18 March 2024 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities for information regarding the Teitei Drive, Ohakune development under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) as follows:

- Please provide to us any documentation or emails/communication regarding the decision made regarding teitei drive. This can be limited from 20th Feb until today.
- Please include official notice or comms regarding the cancellation from government.
- Please include any emails, documents discussions following the decision, until today.

On 17 April 2024 Kāinga Ora extended the due date for response for 19 working days due to substantial collation.

Kāinga Ora has considered your request under the Act. Please find attached information that is in scope of your request.

Some information within the documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

I do not consider the withholding of information from this response is outweighed by the public interest considerations in making that information available. Information that is out of scope of your request has been redacted.

It is useful to note that most of the discussion relating to the decision was done verbally and in meetings.

Following the notification of an extension to the due date for response on 17 April 2024, you requested "a count of the documents / emails / notes etc that match our criteria showing the amount of work that needs to be searched through. Please also provide a breakdown of the document type and the source or destination agency/individual/council etc".

In response to your email of 17 April 2024, I can advise that Kāinga Ora did an email sweep for the period 20 February 2024 to 18 March 2024 which found 87 related emails and associate email trails. These emails were assessed to determine relevant information that is in scope of your request. The emails were then reviewed to establish whether the information could be released in full or in part under the Act. The source of the emails was mainly from Kāinga Ora with a couple from Ruapehu District Council and Ngāti Rangi.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases its responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <u>https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/</u>, with your personal information removed.

Nāku noa, nā

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