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Tēnā koe

Your request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 14 January 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (**the Act**):

"A copy of the 1996 Treaty Settlement Agreement signed between Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board (WMTB) and the Crown.

A copy of the purported termination directive of the said WMTB agreement signed by the then Minister (Graham) and the legal authority/basis of such purported termination."

I enclose the documents listed in the schedule at **Appendix One** in response to your request. I note the press releases are publicly available and can be found at <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/releases>. Please note we are redacting those parts of the documents that are not within the scope of the request.

I trust the attached documents answer your request for information. Please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Hale on 04 913 2388 or jennifer.hale@justice.govt.nz should you have any queries.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you may, if you wish, contact the Ombudsman seeking an investigation and a review of the decision to withhold certain information.

Nāku noa, nā

Anaru Mill
Negotiations and Settlement Manager

Appendix 1: schedule of documents

| # | Date | Title | Document type | Withholding reasons |
|----|------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 30/09/1996 | Cabinet approves settlement of Whakatōhea's historical claims | Press release | |
| 2 | 01/10/1996 | Her Majesty the Queen in right of New Zealand and Whakatōhea: Deed of Settlement | Whakatōhea Deed of Settlement | |
| 3 | 19/06/1997 | Whakatōhea given extra time to ratify Deed of Settlement | Press release | |
| 4 | 13/03/1998 | Whakatōhea negotiations | Ministerial | |
| 5 | 13/03/1998 | Whakatōhea Deed of Settlement to be terminated | Press release | |
| 6 | 20/03/1998 | Letter to Russell McVeagh McKenzie Bartleet & Co | Ministerial | |
| 7 | 01/04/1998 | Cabinet Strategy Committee STR (98) M 7/3 | Cabinet Strategy Committee minutes | Out of scope |
| 8 | 06/04/1998 | Termination of the Whakatōhea Deed of Settlement | Cabinet paper | Out of scope |
| 9 | 06/04/1998 | CAB (98) M 12/3B | Cabinet minute | Out of scope |
| 10 | 08/04/1998 | Termination of the Whakatōhea Deed of Settlement | Ministerial | |