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Tēnā koe Barry

Thank you for your request to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, dated 14 August 2023, which you made through the www.fyi.org.nz website. You requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Please provide a copy of the agreement for S&P of land from Ruapehu District Council for the Teitei property being developed”.

A Sale and Development Agreement for the proposed development at Teitei Drive, Ohakune was signed by Ruapehu District Council and Housing New Zealand Build Limited on 4 April 2023. Housing New Zealand Build Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities.

I have decided to release the Sale and Development Agreement to you with some information withheld under the relevant sections of the Act. The mobile phone numbers of the Chief Executive of Ruapehu District Council, along with those of Kāinga Ora staff, are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. I consider there is limited public interest in the release of this information.

I am also withholding the purchase price agreed between Ruapehu District Council and Housing New Zealand Build Limited under section 9(2)(j) of the Act, to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). I acknowledge the public interest in the sale of the land and the price agreed between the parties, however, the purchase of the land is conditional at this point in time, and release of the sale price could prejudice any further negotiations between the parties.

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 www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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Nāku noa, nā



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