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Dear Fraser

Thank you for your email of 28 July 2015 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 details about vacant Housing New Zealand land in Merton, Ruahine and Rimutaka Streets in Upper Hutt. You have specifically asked for:

“copies of any documents, emails, correspondence, meeting minutes, plans, ministerial briefings or other documents which are pertinent to the intended future use of these particular properties which date from the time of the previous building’s demolition to now.”

I refer you to my previous response of 23 February 2015.

I can advise that decisions on the future use of Housing New Zealand vacant land in Merton, Ruahine and Rimutaka Streets have not yet been finalised. All related documents remain confidential and commercially sensitive.

Therefore, I continue to withhold the document under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 9(2)(i): “enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities”
- Section 9(2)(j): “enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)”
- Section 9(2)(ba): “protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence”.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information.

Yours sincerely



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