



Office of Hon Christopher Finlayson

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Beth Evans

By email: fyi-request-5469-dff46ea9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Evans

Thank you for your email of 28 February 2017 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**) regarding:

“On what basis was part of Point England Reserve offered to Ngāti Paoa as commercial redress when it is not a commercial property?”

The Crown considers a range of factors when developing Treaty settlement redress offers including the aspirations of the claimant group, the historical and cultural associations of the group with areas where redress is sought, the availability of Crown land in those areas, and comparability with other settlements.

The Tāmaki area is significant to Ngāti Paoa and the return of land there for cultural and commercial purposes is a key Treaty settlement aspiration for them. The site of the Point England (Kiano) Reserve (the **Reserve**) is of particular importance to Ngāti Paoa.

Crown landholdings in Tāmaki are limited and there are few options available for commercial redress land. In these circumstances the Crown may consider offering conservation or reserve land for commercial or non-conservation purposes.

These factors are the basis for the Crown offering part of the Reserve to Ngāti Paoa as commercial redress.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to write to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my response to your request. The address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

Hon Christopher Finlayson
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations