

26 April 2017

Beth Evans

Dear Ms Evans

**Official Information Act 1982 request regarding the Tāmaki Regeneration Company**

Your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**) to the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations of 18 March 2017 was transferred to the Office of Treaty Settlements for response. This letter provides a response to your request for:

*In Treaty Settlement negotiations with Ngāti Paoa, was the residential land in Tamaki held by the NZ Housing Corp, later transferred to TRC/TRL, raised as possible redress for Ngāti Paoa? If not, why?*

*If it was, what happened?*

*When there is 'fit for purpose' Crown controlled land in the Tamaki area, suitable for redress, why did the Government offer the majestic Point England Reserve (open space, bird sanctuary, sports field) for commercial redress?*

In 2009 the Crown commenced negotiations with Ngāti Paoa for the comprehensive settlement of Ngāti Paoa's historic Treaty of Waitangi claims. These negotiations are well advanced and the Crown considers the conclusion of these negotiations, with the initialling of the Ngāti Paoa Deed of Settlement, to be imminent. The information requested regarding redress discussed is negotiations sensitive and is therefore withheld in full under section 9(2)(j) of the Act.

In regard to the second part of your request for information, I understand the response from Minister Finlayson dated 22 March 2017 provided an explanation as to how the Crown identifies land as potential Treaty settlement redress.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman about the decision to withhold certain information. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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