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Dear B Evans

Thank you for your emails of 18 March 2017, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), to Hon Maggie Barry, Minister of Conservation, and myself as Minister for the Environment, asking for the following information about the Point England Housing Recreational Reserve, Auckland:

- *What independent environmental impact assessment was done prior to deciding to revoke reserve status on part of Point England Reserve? Please provide copy if so. Any assessment? Please provide. If not, why not?; and*
- *What independent environmental impact assessment was made prior to deciding to rezone part of Point England Reserve's open space, bird sanctuary and sports fields Residential Mixed Urban? If done, please provide copy. Any assessment? Please provide copy. If no assessment done, why not?*

As with all potential developments in New Zealand, an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) report will be required when resource consent is sought under the Resource Management Act 1991. Such reports consider the effects of a proposed development, and how the design of the development can be adapted to avoid, remedy or mitigate negative effects. As such, the appropriate time to carry out an AEE is at the detailed design phase of the development, and as this has not yet occurred, this document cannot be provided.

In addition to any conditions that the Council may impose during consenting, the Crown's proceeds from the housing development will be committed to enhancing the local recreational facilities and environment. As such I am confident that the development will result in an enhanced experience for the community.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N Smith', written over the typed name.

Hon Dr Nick Smith
Minister for Building and Construction