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Dear Mr Potae

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, which was transferred to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities on 27 July 2021. You asked for:

*...the [Social Housing] addresses for research purposes, brought with our tax payer dollars of the areas as per below.
Tauranga, Papamoa and Mount Maunganui.*

I am declining your request under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA on grounds of privacy as we consider that the addresses of our properties is the personal information of our customers.

Unfortunately, being a Kāinga Ora tenant can attract prejudice and social stigma. Releasing our property addresses would have a similar effect to Work and Income identifying which individuals in a community receive a benefit. For this reason, most government agencies handling this type of information have clear guidelines in place to protect it.

We are also aware that many of our tenants do not wish to be identified as Kāinga Ora tenants as it carries the risk of unwanted attention and discrimination.

I do not consider that the public interest in the information outweighs the need to withhold it. I also note that information about our housing stock is publicly available on the Kāinga Ora website at: <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/about-us/housing-statistics/>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on your OIA request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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Manager Government Relations