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Dear Mr Brown

Thank you for your email dated 9 February 2022 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like a copy of the Request for Proposal for the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund recently submitted by Upper Hutt City Council to Kāinga Ora in particular regard to the Southern Growth Area Guildford Development and the Silverstream Spur Reserve. I consider there is sufficient public interest to make at least part of this document public in particular any aspect that relates to the public land known as the Silverstream Spur Reserve.*

The Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF) is an ongoing contestable process, and Kāinga Ora is still engaged in a process of evaluating proposals in the Request for Proposal stage, some of which will progress to negotiating funding agreements. Much of the information submitted in these proposals is commercially sensitive, and at the time of submission, it was provided to Kāinga Ora with an obligation of confidence.

I have therefore decided to withhold the information you have requested under the following sections of the Act to:

- 9(2)(b)(ii) – *‘protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.’*
- 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)...’*

Thank you again for your email. If you require more information about the IAF, you can visit the following links:

- <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/working-with-us/housing-acceleration-fund/infrastructure-acceleration-fund/>
- <https://www.hud.govt.nz/urban-development/the-housing-acceleration-fund/infrastructure-acceleration-fund/>.

I do not consider that the public interest in release of the withheld information outweighs the need to withhold it. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available online at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kainga.ora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Kelly  
**Manager Government Relations**