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Dear Harry Peterson

I refer to your request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet that was refined to “*all documents and Cabinet papers mentioning Whangārei in relation to infrastructure and health funding decisions from the date beginning October 2017.*” Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) as some Cabinet material regarding NZDF Defence Estate and Infrastructure is within scope.

Specifically, this is the *First Principles Review Defence Estate, Investment Priorities and Future Naval Base*. This paper has only recently been considered by Cabinet and is currently being considered for public release on the NZDF website. As a result, your request as it relates to this information is declined in accordance with section 18(d) of the OIA. You will be contacted again once the document has been approved for release by the Minister of Defence.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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