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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 26 January 2024 at paragraph 2.3 for *"a copy of the advice (including legal advice) which the RGL relied on when concluding that creating roads by transfer and dedication is not a permitted alternative to the vesting process under the RMA"*.

In general, information necessary to maintain legal professional privilege may be withheld under section 9(2)(h) of the Official Information Act 1982. However, legal professional privilege has been waived in respect of parts of the advice I relied upon for the conclusions set out in my article *"Creating roads in subdivisions – dealing with covenants and easements"*, published in Volume 22, Issue 2 of *The Property Lawyer*.

I **enclose** a copy of that advice, with the parts I relied on unredacted. The rest of that advice has been redacted in order to maintain legal professional privilege. I am of the view withholding this information via redactions is not outweighed by the public interest to make that information available.

I also **enclose** a copy of my article.

I will respond to the other matters you have raised in your letter of 26 January separately.

Please note, this response outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand's website www.linz.govt.nz.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Robert Andrell at randrell@linz.govt.nz.

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

Nāku noa, nā



Robbie Muir
Registrar-General of Land

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