



Our ref: NZGB-OIA-2025-0002

25 February 2025

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 29 December 2024 and then transferred to the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa (the Board) by the Minister's Office on 27 January 2025 (allowing 20 working days for responding to you by 25 February 2025). Your request was in relation to the changing the official names of the suburb and railway station from Takanini to Takaanini:

- *'All information held by the Minister and the Ministry in relation to receiving, considering and refusing the proposal and also advising of the decision', and*
- *Please provide any correspondence between the Minister (or your office) and Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand and/or the New Zealand Geographic Board regarding this proposal and decision.'*

The response to information and correspondence held by the Minister was sent to you separately under MOIA 25-015 on 13 February 2025.

In relation to the balance of your request, please find copies of the requested information attached electronically:

- 1) Briefing 25-143 from the Board to the Minister, requesting the Minister's final determinations on the proposals: two copies – one as originally sent to the Minister's Office, and the other as returned with the Minister's final determinations and signature/date,
- 2) All attachments 1-7 to Briefing 25-143,
- 3) Two emails of 3 and 12 December 2024 between Toitū Te Whenua LINZ and the Minister's Office sending Briefing 25-143 and receiving the returned briefing,
- 4) An email to the Board on 18 December 2024 advising of the Minister's final determinations, with a draft media release,
- 5) An advisory email to the original proposer on 18 December 2024,
- 6) An advisory email sent BCC to all submitters, general correspondents and mana whenua on 19 December 2024 (approximately 300 recipients),
- 7) An advisory email to Board and committee members and observers on 20 December 2024.

To protect individual privacy some personal information such as names and/or email addresses are withheld in terms of section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982. Names of Board and committee members and observers and contact details of officials are not withheld.

The Board also publicly communicated the Minister's final determinations by:

- updating the consultation pages for [Takaanini](#) and [Takaanini Railway Station](#) on 18 December 2024 with the outcome,
- issuing a media release on 18 December 2024, which Toitū Te Whenua LINZ sent to its media circulation list and [published on its website](#).

A Toitū Te Whenua LINZ email circulating the media release to its media contacts is not attached as we consider it to be administrative.

On the morning of 18 December 2024, prior to publication of the media advisory and emailing of advice, Board Secretary Wendy Shaw also called the original proposer to advise of the Minister's final determinations. After initially leaving a message, our records show the proposer called her back at 9:43am and discussed the Minister's final determinations for eight minutes. The phone call was not recorded. Wendy spoke with the proposer about:

- what future recourse there was for correcting the names,
- compliance implications for Auckland Council and Auckland Transport since Takanini and Takanini Railway Station remain official names and therefore must be used on official documents.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response and the information provided. Information about how to do this is at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this response and the information provided, please contact Wendy Shaw at wshaw@linz.govt.nz.

This response letter with your personal details withheld, and the attached documents with redactions, may be published on the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ website at <https://www.linz.govt.nz/about-us/information-releases>.

Nāku noa, nā



Anselm Haanen, Chairperson, Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa New Zealand Geographic Board