



Our ref: NZGB OIA 2025-0005

28 March 2025

Tēnā koe

### Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 2 March 2025, for 'copies of the briefing notes sent to the Hon. Chris Penk, and his responses to those briefing notes for':

<b>Name</b>	<b>Consultation Closed</b>	<b>Decision</b>
• Mitiwai Stream	Sept 2023	Accepted
• Meyer Pass	Oct 2023	Accepted
• Meyer Creek	Oct 2023	Accepted
• Meyer Hill	Oct 2023	Accepted
• Manawatū District	Dec 2023	Declined
• Waimarino	Feb 2024	Accepted
• Waimarino Railway Station	Feb 2024	Accepted
• Rangitikei District	July 2024	Declined
• Abbots Creek	July 2024	Declined
• Pito-One	Sept 2024	Declined

Your request for copies of the Pito One briefing (as sent and returned) is refused under Section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 because this information is now publicly available. Please refer to this proactive release of NZGB OIA 2024-0006 published 4 March 2025, where copies of Briefing 24-142 can be downloaded: <https://www.linz.govt.nz/resources/oia-release/nga-pou-taunaha-o-aotearoa-new-zealand-geographic-board-research-proposal-alter-petone-pito-one-and>

Your request for copies of the Meyer (hill) briefing (as sent and returned) is refused under Section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information does not exist. There was no briefing to Hon Chris Penk. On 29 July 2024 the Board Chairperson made the final determination on this name in terms of s.19 of the New Zealand Geographic Board Act 2008 (NZGB Act 2008), under a delegation in terms of s.6 NZGB Act 2008 (for proposals that receive no objections).

For the remainder of your official information request, please find attached electronically copies of the briefings as sent, and (where applicable) returned and signed by the Minister for Land Information with his final determinations on the proposals:

Briefing/s #	Proposal/s	Minister's final determination date
1. BRF 24-170	Mitiwai Stream	21 February 2024
2. BRF 24-424	Meyer Pass	27 June 2024
	Meyer Creek	
3. BRF 24-425	Manawatū District	27 June 2024
4. BRF 25-018		10 December 2024 <i>No decision</i>
5. BRF 24-426	Waimarino	3 December 2024
	Waimarino Railway Station	
6. BRF 25-141	Rangitikei District	3 December 2024
7. BRF 25-136	Abbotts Creek	3 December 2024

Please note that:

- There are two returned copies of BRF 24-425. The Minister's final determination was initially to alter the local authority district name. A second briefing BRF 24-018 was then prepared with the draft Order in Council to amend Schedule 2 Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2002 (see s.22, NZGB Act 2008). However, the request was not progressed to the Cabinet Legislative Committee. The Minister then changed his determination to reject the Board's decision on the proposal, returning the second copy of BRF 24-425.
- There are two sent copies for BRF 24-426. In December 2024, the Minister's office requested that Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) resend copies of all briefings with outstanding Ministerial decisions. In the process three briefings, including BRF 24-426, were re-dated to 3 December 2024. No content in this briefing was changed.

To protect individual privacy, the names of the proposers for Mitiwai Stream, Meyer Pass and Meyer Creek, and Abbotts Creek are withheld in terms of section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

A paragraph is withheld from the copies of BRF 24-426 for Waimarino and Waimarino Railway Station regarding Treaty negotiations between Te Korowai o Wainuiārua and the Crown. This is based on section 9(2)(ba) of the Official Information Act 1982 due to the obligation of the Board to keep this information confidential.

A paragraph is withheld from the copies of BRF 24-425 for Manawatū District and BRF 25-141 for Rangitikei District in terms of section 9(2)(h) of the Official Information Act 1982 due to privileged legal advice.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this response and the information provided, please contact Wendy Shaw, Secretary for Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa New Zealand Geographic Board at [wshaw@linz.govt.nz](mailto:wshaw@linz.govt.nz).

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Haanen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

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