

31 January 2024

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Response to your official information request

Thank you for your email received on 11 January 2024 requesting the minutes of the New Zealand Geographic Board's meeting on 22 June, 2023 relating to the proposal to change the name of Russell to Kororāreka.

Attached is an excerpt from the 22 June 2023 minutes. Part of the Board's discussion and the decision it made, are withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982. This is to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of the Board's opinions in the course of its duty to report its decision to the Minister of Land Information.

The Minister hasn't yet made a final determination on the proposal. Once made, and the statutory process has concluded, the withheld portions of the minutes will be made publicly available online at <https://www.linz.govt.nz/our-work/new-zealand-geographic-board/about-new-zealand-geographic-board/new-zealand-geographic-board-hui-and-minutes>

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).

Please note that this response letter, with your personal details redacted, and the attached excerpt will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website.

Nāku noa, nā



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