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Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 26 February 2023 for:

"Any correspondence or decisions or outcomes related to any applications to purchase 147 Valley Rd, Whakatane by anyone including overseas individual/s, entity/ies or persons. I am also interested in how decisions were made if an application was approved. I understand there may have been a recent application by an overseas person / entity and this piece of land has cultural significance."

This application was assessed under the "One home to live in" pathway. Further information about this pathway can be found on our website:

<https://www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/overseas-investment/buying-residential-property-live>

We have attached a copy of the notice of decision for this application and the assessment that was undertaken for this application. However, information relating to individual names has been refused under section S(9)(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oio@linz.govt.nz.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the

Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand's website. This is likely to be published by 28 April 2023.

Yours sincerely



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Proactive Release