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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 20 April 2023 for:

- 1. The Port of Tauranga's application under s 35/11 including associated correspondence and supporting evidence
- 2. Your determination under s 36/11 including any ministerial briefing papers and advice from officials;
- 3. Internal LINZ memoranda, files notes and emails relating to Lot 1 [DP 548449];
- 4. The agreement between LINZ and the Port as referenced in the Gazette notice.

Please note:

- The Port o Tauranga's application included both Lot 1 DP 548448 and Lot 1 DP 548449
- We have interpreted 3 above as memoranda, file notes and emails relating to 1 and 2 above.
- The Sale and Purchase Agreement is the agreement referred to in request 4 and is included in the documents to be released.

Some of the information you have requested is enclosed. However, information relating to the costs to build the reclamations and the purchase prices of the reclamations have been refused under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act, as release would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

We are of the view that the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make that information available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Jan Webster on 04 4602786 or at iwebster@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.

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 30 June 2023.

Yours sincerely

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