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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your amended official information request received on 16 May 2023 for:

- All applications made by Creswell NZ to amend the conditions of its consent (since the original consent was granted);
- 2. The email(s) or letter(s) advising the OIO that the acquisition is not proceeding and the reasons for that:
- 3. Any documents sent to Creswell from the OIO mentioning Creswell's need or failure to obtain resource consent;
- 4. Any new applications by another company to purchase the same piece of land at Otakiri; and
- 5. Any other applications made by Creswell NZ.

In relation to parts 1-3 of your amended request attached is a copy of the documentation which is released in part. Some information has been withheld under sections:

- 9(2)(a to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- (92)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information 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.

Regarding parts 4 and 5 of your amended request, from a search of our database it appears that:

- no new applications by another company to purchase the same piece of land at Otakiri have been received
- no other applications have been made by Cresswell NZ

Therefore, these parts of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as that the document(s) alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact ministerialsupport@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 31 July 2023.

Yours sincerely

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