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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 5 April 2024 for

- 1. copies of any reports held about the condition of buildings, property or retaining walls at the former Napier Prison; and
- 2. all correspondence and reports for the past three months about ending the lease for the tour operator there, or the condition of buildings, property or retaining walls at the site?

The information that you have requested in part 1 of your request is now available on our website Napier Prison reports | Toitū Te Whenua - Land Information New Zealand (linz.govt.nz)

Therefore, that part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act as the information is publicly available.

Regarding part 2 of your request attached is a copy of the relevant documentation which is released in part.

Some information, relating to the vulnerable access points of the property, has been withheld under section 9(2)(k) to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage by other third parties.

The contact details of the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand staff members have been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) to protect them from improper pressure or harassment over the decision to terminate the lease.

We are of the view the withholding of the information is not outweighed by the public interest to make that information available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact ministerial support@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 website. This is likely to be published around late June 2024.

Nāku noa, nā



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