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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 22 July 2024 for "Following a commissioned report from LINZ accredited agent R.W. Barnaby, we have been advised to request from @LINZ the Lands & Survey Department, Head Office [Wellington] 1959 ROLD Bill file. This file is now part of the LINZ historical record in the National Archives.

Additionally, we request from @OIA@doc.govt.nz the Lands & Survey Department, Hamilton for the Tauranga Cemetery Reserve file. We note that this file was transferred to DOC in Hamilton in 1987 when the Lands & Survey Department was disestablished.

If there is any way to expedite these requests, I would kindly appreciate your assistance as this matter is urgent. Please let me know if there is any further detail you require."

We have decided to refuse your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act, as the file titled '1959 ROLD Bill' is publicly available at Archives New Zealand

<https://collections.archives.govt.nz/en/web/arena/search#/entity/aims-archive/R3949295/reserves-%26-other-lands-disposal-bill-1959?q=1959+reserves&source=aims-archive>.

An appointment to view the file can be done via <https://www.archives.govt.nz/research-guidance/visit-our-reading-rooms>.

The file titled 'Lands & Survey Department, Hamilton for the Tauranga Cemetery Reserve' is one that Department of Conservation would have deposited into Archives New Zealand, I note that you also emailed Department of Conservation and they will be able to help you in relation to the file.

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 website. This is likely to be published by 31 August 2024

Nāku noa, nā



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