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# Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 27 May 2024 requesting "the correspondence between LINZ and the landowner at 252 Kerrytown Road regarding their application for a Licence to Occupy over LINZ parcel 7684947 between parcels 7203990 and 7203987".

The following background information may help provide context to the correspondence we are providing you.

## 2019:

The landowner at 252 Kerrytown Road (the landowner) requested that Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) investigate the ownership status of the land parcel 7684947 (the land). At this time, the landowner indicated that he was interested in purchasing the land, once ownership was confirmed. This required a Status Report being commissioned by a third party and then validated by LINZ.

## 2023:

July: The landowner reiterates that he is interested in purchasing the land.

December: LINZ completes its investigation into the ownership of the land, and determines the land is Crown land, managed by LINZ. It informs the landowner that the land will not be considered for disposal at this time.

#### 2024:

LINZ receives an application for a Licence to Occupy the land from landowner in early January and this is currently being considered.

Some of the information you have requested is enclosed. However, information relating to the landowner's application form to use Crown Land has been refused under Section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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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 and Government Services by email at <a href="mailto:ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz">ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz</a>

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 perty 31 July 2024

Nāku noa, nā

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