

Ref: DOIA 20-079

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Richard Murcott

By email: fyi-request-10987-4f7446f6@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Richard Murcott

Thank you for your official information request which was transferred from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and received by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) on 12 September 2019 for information regarding Rule 60 of the 3rd Edition of the Government Rules of Procurement.

1. *Please provide a copy of the 2010 Cabinet directive that underpinned Rule 60 (3rd ed).*

From Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee Minute of Decision EGI Min (10) 30/14:

12 **directed agencies intending to tender for or purchase new location-based information or services to consult with NZGO to ensure consistency with the spatial data infrastructure requirements and the possible involvement of other agencies, provided that the approach meets the purchasing agency's needs;**

2. *Please provide a copy of any documentation that updated that Cabinet directive, or in any way signalled to Cabinet any reasons to change Rule 60 (3rd Ed). If Cabinet was not formally briefed, why not?*

This information is available in the public domain and we are providing links to the relevant documents below. Please direct any questions about this information directly to MBIE.

Enhancing the Effectiveness of Government Procurement Policy – Report back:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/5824-enhancing-the-effectiveness-of-government-procurement-policy-report-back-proactiverelase-pdf>

Cabinet Minute of Decision:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/5825-enhancing-the-effectiveness-of-government-procurement-policy-report-back-minute-of-decision-proactiverelase-pdf>

3. *Please provide copies of any consultation (and communications), of any type/form, on the decision to retire procurement Rule 60, and in relation to any significant holders of location-based information situated in any local government, Crown agent, academia entity or the private sector.*

Your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act as we are aware that MBIE have previously provided you with copies of the consultation and communication documentation on the decision to retire procurement Rule 60.

4. *Was Standards NZ (SNZ) consulted? Standards are valuable assets when used with planned procurements. Please provide all documentation related to consultation with this key stakeholder.*

5. *Was the Government Chief Data Steward consulted regarding the procurement Rule for geospatial information? Please provide documentation from this consultation and the reasons for their decisions?*

6. *Was the Government Chief Digital Officer consulted? Please provide documentation from this consultation on geospatial information and services (Rule 60)?*

LINZ's advice to MBIE to retire Rule 60 was based on analysis of evidence gained from historical Rule 60 consultation processes; Standards NZ, the Government Chief Data Steward or the Government Chief Digital Officer were not consulted. Therefore your requests are refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information requested does not exist.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Trish McAuliffe, Chief Financial Officer, by email TMcAuliffe@linz.govt.nz or telephone (04) 831 1649.

Yours sincerely



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