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Edward Pellew

Via FYI

fyi-request

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Dear Mr Pellew

**Official Information Act request reference: OIA1920-0402**

Thank you for your request for official information, received via [fyi.org.nz](http://fyi.org.nz) on 13 November 2019 and subsequently clarified on 14 November 2019.

You have asked:

*In this era of climate change, earthquakes and other such matters, I would feel better assured if I had a clear understanding of your assessment and preparedness for risks in this area. So if I could have copies of the Archives risk registers and their versions of the last seven years that would be great.*

Archives New Zealand's risk registers are based on staff opinions of the description, drivers, consequences and likelihood of Archives' varied risks. The purpose of risk registers is to identify potential problems (risks) with a view to taking early and appropriate action, if necessary, to eliminate or minimise the risk. Following the receipt of your request, Archives reviewed the content within its risk registers, assessing the content against the principles of the Act. This was a significant piece of work requiring considerable staff time and effort which is why clarification and extension were required.

We have assessed that the information within Archives' risk registers should be withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions of officers and employees of a department in the course of their duty.

Archives has balanced the withholding grounds against the public interest in release, and decided that, in this case, the grounds for withholding outweigh public interest in release of this information.

*Kia pono ai te rua Mahara – Enabling trusted government information*

I am however able to release to you the PtNM 10 Mulgrave Street Hazard Assessment report and associated covering memo to the Department's Deputy Chief Executive Peter Murray and the PtNM Project Governance Board. PtNM, or *Preserving the Nation's Memory* is the programme of work to address Archives' storage needs.

The names of non-Departmental staff are being withheld under s9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons. I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. No other information is being withheld.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz), or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Richard Foy', written in black ink.

**Richard Foy**  
Chief Archivist  
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