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Dear Craig

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 3 May 2022 for “a copy of the NZ Properties (Government Only) dataset referred to in the recent property data services survey (closing 20 May 2022).”

As part of its programme to modernise the Landonline system, Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is creating a national district valuation role (DVR) dataset using DVR data collated from Territorial Authorities (TAs). This dataset is called NZ Properties (Pilot) on the LINZ Data Service and is only accessible to local and central government users; hence it being referred to NZ Properties (Government Only) in the customer survey.

LINZ has entered into data supply agreements with individual TAs to collate and use their DVR data. Conditions set out in the data supply agreements and the dataset’s licence agreement limits access to local and central government users only.

Due to these established conditions, I must refuse your request under section 9(2)(ba) of the Official Information Act to protect the information which is subject to an obligation of confidence and where making available the information would likely prejudice the ongoing supply of the information.

Furthermore, some TAs commercially licence their DVR data to third parties. I therefore must also refuse your request under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act as making the information available would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of these TAs.

I am of the view that the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make that information available.

While I cannot provide you with the dataset for these reasons, I can advise the data fields within the NZ Properties (Pilot) dataset; these include rating valuations, construction date,

construction materials, land and floor areas, legal descriptions and property title numbers. The national dataset does not include any personal information such as ratepayers' names.

I can also confirm that many TAs make their DVR data for their district openly available on their websites at an individual property level.

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 ministerial.support@linz.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Aaron Jordan', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Aaron Jordan
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