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Tēnā koe Melissa

Thank you for your email of 31 July 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*We are reaching out to you to request copies of any research – including feasibility studies and business cases – that your organisation has commissioned, produced, or holds copies of on the future and current uses of the Avondale Racecourse in Auckland.*

Two documents have been found to be within scope of your request. These documents offer legal advice and as such are withheld in full under section 9(2)(h) of the Act, including their titles, to maintain legal professional privilege.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

Matt Fraser  
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