

6 October 2023

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Dear Ms Laing

Thank you for your request dated 11 August 2023 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), requesting the following information from Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities:

'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.'

I have consulted with relevant Kāinga Ora staff and I can advise you that following the publication of the Messina Report, Kāinga Ora commissioned several documents as normal due diligence from 2019 to 2021.

These documents are listed in the accompanying table and were produced to determine the feasibility of developing the Avondale Racecourse, if its current owners, the Avondale Jockey Club (AJC), were to have proceeded with the sale of the site at the time. It is important to note that as at the date of your request, Kāinga Ora, while being open to discussions, has not received an indication from the AJC that it is intending to sell the Avondale Racecourse.

For privacy, some lines and sections with these documents being provided, have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, *'to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons...'* This includes signatures, mobile phone numbers, and contact information of third parties, in addition to maps identifying the specific locations of Kāinga Ora properties in and around Avondale.

I do not consider that the public interest in release of the withheld information outweighs the need to withhold it. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available online at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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Manager Government Relations

OIA Document table – Avondale Racecourse – Melissa Laing (via FYI)

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	Document Name	In scope	Notes	Redaction Reason
1)	180919 - Avondale Racecourse Concept Framework with Schedules	Yes	Redacted in part. Property addresses and locations on maps of state houses.	s9(2)(a)
2)	Planning Report on the Urban Development Bill - 7 February 2020	Yes	Redacted in part. Kāinga Ora Property addresses.	s9(2)(a)
3)	20201203 Infrastructure Assessment	Yes	Redacted in part. Signatures, property addresses and locations on maps of state houses.	s9(2)(a)
3.1)	20201203 Appendix A - Avondale Development Assessment - Geotechnical Desktop Report	Yes	Redacted in part. Signatures, property addresses and locations on maps of state houses.	s9(2)(a)
3.2)	20201203 Appendix A - Avondale Development Assessment - Land Contamination Desktop Report	Yes	Redacted in part. Signatures, third party contact information, property addresses (excluding current and former petrol stations, and Avondale Racecourse addresses) and locations on maps of state houses.	s9(2)(a)
3.3)	20201203 Appendix A - Avondale Development Assessment- Civil and Infrastructure	Yes	Redacted in part. Signatures, third party contact information, property addresses and locations on maps of state houses.	s9(2)(a)
4)	20210302 Avondale Racecourse Development phase 2 work Report FINAL	Yes	Redacted in part. Signatures and locations on maps of state houses.	s9(2)(a)
5)	CBRE Housing Assessment Avondale November 2020 [Excerpt]	Yes	Excerpt of report relevant to the Racecourse.	No redactions aside from information out of scope of Avondale Racecourse.