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Isaac Morrison

By email: fyi-request-28666-f35d3146@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Isaac

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 24.158

I refer to the Official Information Act (the Act) reconsideration request dated 1 November 2024 for information relating to the Campus Master Plan. You have specifically requested:

• I was disappointed by your response to my OIA request of 6th October 2024. As you know, under section 5 of the OIA, the starting point of any information request is that information is to be made available. As section 18B requires you to consider consulting the requestor of information if it is likely to be refused under 18(e), I would like to know why you did not consult me. I'm disappointed also that you have chosen to take a narrow reading of my request, construing "current" to refer to plans that, in your words, are being "redrawn". Your refusal on the grounds that the information does not exist implies that there are no "current" plans, but the word "redrawn" implies that there is a previous version. This ambiguity appears to be a deliberate subversion of section 5; please further explain the reasoning under which you have decided 18(e) applies, since you have chosen not to consult me under section 18B. Please also consider this a supplementary follow-up request for all versions of these plans, as well as for the current state of the redrawn plans.

We did not provide the older Campus Master Plan as you specifically asked for the current plan, which does not exist. As required under OIA s 18b, we considered further consultations. Generally, when it is not reasonable to find information for a request, it is relatively simple to find a compromise where the requester reduces their scope. This is not the case here; the requested information did not exist, and we did not believe it was useful to consult further, as none of the information we provided to you in our original response uses the old plan as a base.

To answer your follow-up requests, we have attached the old Campus Master Plan documents. Regarding the current state of the redrawn plans, their current state is that they are on the to-do list for 2025, subject to resourcing.

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.

Yours sincerely
Information and Records Management

Document link: OIA 24.158 Documents