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Tēnā koe Andy,

I refer to your official information request dated 19 December 2024.

You requested the below information:

1. *“any advice or information (additional to the Proposal Report and the Submissions and Board Recommendations Report which are available on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website) which was considered by Land Information minister Hon Chris Penk in considering the proposal to change the name Petone to Pito One, which it was announced yesterday has been rejected by the minister?”*
2. *Please also provide any correspondence between the Minister (or his office) and Land Information New Zealand and/or the New Zealand Geographic Board regarding this proposal and decision.”*

Please find enclosed alongside this letter a binder containing information within scope of your request. You can also find enclosed correspondence between my office and Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand regarding this proposal and decision. I have decided to withhold some information, in accordance with the following:

- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
- section 9(2)(g)(ii), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of employees from improper pressure or harassment; and
- out of scope

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.

Please note that attachment 1 to the briefing, the joint proposal from Wellington Tenths Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust to alter Petone to Pito One, was inadvertently excluded from the documents provided to me. The proposal, however, was summarised in the briefing as you will see.

You will also note that the attachment 'combined attachments 2 – 7' on pages 21 – 23 incorrectly includes an online post from the NZGB relating to Auckland City place names.

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.

Ngā mihi nui,



Hon Chris Penk
Minister for Land Information