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Sam Clarke

By email: fyi-request-4634-d823422e@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Sam

Official Information Act Request

I refer to your request for information of 21 September 2016 where you requested the following:

Will the public be notified when the Crown permits the sale of the former education campus in Karori?

If approved, will adequate time and resources be available to establish against all doubt and as an act of good faith whether iwi or Māori groups have a special right to negotiate its return? Will this be done before wider interests enter any negotiations?

How has the University consulted the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust?

Who are the 'other Māori interests' that have been consulted?

I refer you to the Victoria University website which contains much information regarding this matter (including "frequently asked questions" and further information on the public consultation that has occurred - <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/explore-victoria/campuses/karori>).

In addition to the information currently on the website, more information will be posted there as and when milestones in the process are reached.

In relation to your request, the website contains specific information confirming that the University has taken all required steps regarding iwi consultation (and discussions with the Office of Treaty Settlements), noting that there are no outstanding Treaty settlements relating to the campus and it is not subject to any Right of First Refusal (RFR) under existing Treaty settlement legislation.

Notwithstanding this, the University has been in discussions with Wellington iwi (Taranaki Whanui) and has been involved in wider dialogue with other Māori interests which has included discussions regarding the Kaupapa and Mauri of Ako Pai Marae.

Yours sincerely



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