



17 MAY 2017

Lynne Lochhead  
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Reference: OIA-2016/17-0318

Dear Lynne

**Official Information Act request relating to Report of the working group on the future of Christchurch Cathedral**

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 23 February 2017. You requested the following:

*"...a copy of the report of the working group set up by the government to examine the future of the Christchurch Anglican Cathedral."*

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by an additional 40 because the request required extensive consultation.

**Information being withheld**

I have decided to withhold the Cathedral Working Group Recommendation Report under section 9(2)(j) of the Act, to enable negotiations to be carried on without prejudice or disadvantage.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account and am satisfied that the reasons for withholding information as set out above is not outweighed by those considerations.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. You can contact the Ombudsman online via the Ombudsman website, by email ([info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)) or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Further details can be found on the Ombudsman website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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