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Dear Dr Lander

On 18 October 2017 the Ministry provided a response to your request regarding the proposed relocation of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu (the Kura). On 20 October 2017 you requested the following additional documentation, which is noted within the Notice of Requirement:

1. *The [Ministry's] stage one analysis which identified over 100 potential sites (not including the ultimately preferred Bennett Road site).*
2. *The [Ministry's] stage two analysis of the seven top scoring sites (not including the ultimately preferred Bennett Road site).*
3. *The [Ministry's] unnamed evaluation in which the ultimately preferred Bennett Road site was compared against the Ministry's endorsed and tested Site Selection and Evaluation Methodology (version 6).*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982.

We are releasing to you the three documents listed in the following table:

Document Number	Title
1	<i>Stage 1 Site Evaluation New School Hawkes Bay</i>
2	<i>Stage 2 Site Evaluation Hawkes Bay (July 2016)</i>
3	<i>Stage 2 Site Evaluation Hawkes Bay (October 2016)</i>

Document 1 classified 55 sites in order to determine those that should be further assessed. Seven sites were ultimately identified for this purpose, and all were comprehensively analysed in **Document 2**.

The kaupapa of the Kura is tied to the iwi of the Bennett Road area. This strong cultural tie to the area east of Hastings led to the Bennett Road site being subsequently identified as a further option. Consequently **Document 3**, an updated Site 2 Evaluation, was undertaken, with 120 Bennett Road being added to the list of potential sites.

The cultural importance of the location was not amongst the criteria assessed in **Document 3**. Given that the site being sought was for a kura kaupapa Māori, additional weighting over and above what would be typical for a state school was given to this connection.

It was ultimately this link with the ancestral home of the Kura - its *papakainga* - that resulted in Bennett Road becoming the preferred option for the relocation of the Kura.

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If you have any questions about this response, please feel free to contact Project Manager, Danae Weston at danae.weston@education.govt.nz.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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