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**Mr Simon Ewing-Jarvie**

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Dear Mr Ewing-Jarvie

I refer to your email of 11 July 2018 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *The composition of the Future Air Surveillance Capability Infrastructure Siting Board, its Terms of Reference or other founding documents, its meeting schedule and any key dates and deliverables which form part of its work.*
2. *Similar information as in request 1, relating to any other groups formed or about to be formed for the purpose of planning aspects of the Future Air Surveillance Capability.*

As an *ad hoc* board, there are no “Terms of Reference” or founding documents for the Future Air Surveillance Capability Infrastructure Siting Board. It was established to site the infrastructure associated with potential location of four Boeing P- 8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft at RNZAF Base Ohakea. Siting Boards are established for the location of all new infrastructure projects and take into account infrastructure master plans, asset management plans and user requirements in their decision making for appropriate siting.

The Siting Board was made up of the following New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and Ministry of Defence (MoD) representatives:

- General Manager Estate Strategy, Defence Estate and Infrastructure
- Assistant Chief Air Force Training and Safety
- Assistant Chief Air Force Strategy Management
- Base Commander RNZAF Base Ohakea
- Chief of Staff Base Headquarters Ohakea
- Airfield Manager RNZAF Base Ohakea
- Estate Delivery Manager Ohakea, Defence Estate and Infrastructure
- Integrated Project Team Leader, Future Air Surveillance Capability, MoD
- Acting FASC Capability Integration Lead, MoD
- Infrastructure Programme Manager, Defence Estate and Infrastructure

The Siting Board met twice to consider siting matters, once on 20 March 2018 and again on 16 May 2018.

The deliverable from the Siting Board's consideration was the location of the Future Air Surveillance Capability in the North East Quadrant at RNZAF Base Ohakea. A Minute outlining the Siting Board process to determine the recommended siting location for FASC Infrastructure and Siting Board's recommendation was endorsed by the NZDF Estate Investment Committee at its meeting on 7 June 2018.

As point 2 of your request is more closely associated with the functions of the Ministry of Defence, it has been transferred accordingly.

You have the right, under s.28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'G.R. Smith', is written over a faint, light-colored circular stamp or watermark.

**G.R. SMITH**  
Commodore, RNZN  
Chief of Staff HQNZDF