



11 November 2022

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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0249

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act request relating to information related to storage units**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 18 October 2022. You requested:

*I am the settlor of the Sefton Family Trust (the "Trust") and am authorised to communicate with you on its behalf.*

*The Trust was the owner of storage unit number L08 located at the above address (record of title CB 47A/124). The registered proprietors at the relevant time will likely be recorded on the title as Andrew Mark Scott and NZ Trustee Services Limited, who are the trustees of the Trust.*

*The storage units were red-zoned after the Canterbury earthquake sequence in December 2013 and CERA took ownership in either late 2014 or late 2015. There were a total of 142 storage units at the address, and I think the Crown took title to 134 units. I understand CERA transferred the units to LINZ, and LINZ in turn onsold them within the last couple of years.*

*Please provide copies of all records held by you relating to:*

- (a) the red zoning of the storage units;*
- (b) the acquisition of the units by CERA and their subsequent transfer to LINZ;*
- (c) any documents explaining how and/or why 8 storage units were not compulsorily acquired and remained in private hands; and*
- (c) any other documents that may be relevant.*

*This request is made in reliance on the Official Information Act 1982.*

I would normally transfer your request for information regarding storage units located at 301 Port Hills Road (Porthaven Storage Unit complex) to Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, however, I understand that LINZ has already received a copy of your request and so I instead refer you to their response.

It may be useful for you to access general CERA archived website information, which is available here: <https://web.archive.org/web/20160121232838/http://cera.govt.nz/land-information/land-announcements>

DPMC transferred the Christchurch Earthquakes Lessons learned website to the University of Canterbury website: <https://quakestudies.canterbury.ac.nz/store/collection/22109>

Additionally, the Global Settlement documents are available on the DPMC website: <https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/global-settlement-agreement-christchurch-city-council-cabinet-and-committee-decisions>

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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