



16 March 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0541

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

### Official Information Act request relating to Tāwhaki project partnership

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 26 February 2026. You requested:

*We write pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 to formally request information regarding the Tāwhaki project partnership involving Wairewa Rūnanga, Taumutu Rūnanga, and the Crown.*

*This request is made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in our capacity as registered shareholders of [REDACTED] and as elected members of the Executive.*

*As Wairewa Rūnanga is publicly identified as a Crown project partner, clarity is required regarding the legal structure, delegated authority, governance framework, financial commitments, liability exposure, and accountability mechanisms associated with this partnership.*

*Specifically, we request:*

- 1. An update following the 11 July 2025 meeting between the Executive and Crown representatives.*
- 2. All signed partnership agreements, MOUs, Deeds, or related instruments.*
- 3. Cabinet papers, Ministerial briefings, and Crown correspondence concerning the establishment or recognition of the partnership.*
- 4. Documentation outlining the project governance framework, including delegated authority instruments and reporting obligations.*
- 5. All funding agreements, appropriations, and financial commitments.*
- 6. Documentation relating to liability allocation, indemnities, and risk management responsibilities attributed to Wairewa Rūnanga.*
- 7. Communications or public statements referencing the Wairewa Rūnanga partnership role.*
- 8. Clarification regarding the "Tāwhaki Restructure" memo dated 22 October 2025.*
- 9. A full copy of the letter referencing defence-related activities, of which only a portion has been provided.*
- 10. A list of organisations currently operating under contractual agreements at Tāwhaki facilities.*
- 11. Aa reports and minutes to date.*

On 3 March 2026 you were advised that part three of your request was partially transferred to the Minister for Space, Hon Judith Collins KC. You will hear from Minister Collins or her office directly.

Normally in these circumstances, we would also transfer your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) however, I note you sent your request directly to MBIE and therefore refer you to their response.

Further searches were completed of the relevant Information Management Systems for any information DPMC may hold that would not be covered by the responses you receive from Minister Collins or MBIE however, nothing has been identified. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the documentation requested does not exist.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Cassidy', is centered on the page.

Alan Cassidy  
**Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate**