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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your email of 12 November 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *the court of inquiry findings (including the reports that helped them come to that conclusion) for the incident that happened on the Raumai range on the 18 June 2020.*

The New Zealand Army has convened a Court of Inquiry into the events that you describe that remains in progress. Accordingly, information relating to those events must be, for the time being, withheld under section 6(c) of the OIA. It should also be noted that evidence given or submissions made to a Court of Inquiry are not publicly released nor is it official information as defined by the OIA in section 2 - interpretation<sup>1</sup>.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

**AJ WOODS**  
Air Commodore  
Chief of Staff HQNZDF

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<sup>1</sup> Official information-

(h) does not include evidence given or submissions made to-  
(iii) a commission of inquiry or board of inquiry or court of inquiry or committee of inquiry appointed, pursuant to, and not by, any provision of an Act, to inquire into a specified matter;