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10 March 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 13 February 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), documents provided by Neil Construction summarising a meeting that took place on 31/1/24 with NZDF to discuss the topic of the Whenuapai Green plan change (PC 109) - both the initial document, and the revised version that follows NZDF feedback.

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) understands that your request relates to an early engagement meeting between the NZDF and Neil Construction (NCL) held on 30/01/2024, not 31/01/2024, regarding a proposed change to the Auckland Unitary Plan to enable development around Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Auckland.

A copy of the email which summarised this meeting is enclosed. Where indicated, information is withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect privacy; section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA to avoid prejudice to the supply of information provided on the basis of confidence; and, section 9(2)(j) of the OIA to enable, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations. A copy of the draft Precinct Provisions and the draft Scheme Plan are withheld in full in accordance with section 9(2)(ba)(i) and section 9(2)(j) of the OIA, for the reasons explained above. A copy of the Reverse Sensitivity Assessment<sup>1</sup> is publicly available.

The proposed Plan Change is now subject to a public statutory process under the Resource Management Act 1991 (being the publicly notified proposed Plan Change 109 to the Auckland Council Unitary Plan). The "revised version" of the Precinct Provisions is now part of NCL's publicly notified Plan Change documents and are available on the Auckland Council website<sup>2</sup>. The final Scheme Plan is also publicly available<sup>3</sup>. This part of your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(d) of the OIA.

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.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Whenuapai-green-the-application/Appendix-22-Reverse-Sensitivity-Assessment.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-plans-strategies/unitary-plan/auckland-unitary-plan-modifications/Pages/details.aspx?UnitaryPlanID=276>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Whenuapai-green-the-application/Appendix-14-Scheme-plans.pdf>

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

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**Enclosure:**

1. Email – meeting summary

**From:** Philip Brown <philip@campbellbrown.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 31 January 2024 3:59 p.m.  
**To:** s. 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Whenuapai Green Plan Change

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Hi s. 9(2)(a)

Thanks to you and s. 9(2)(a) for our helpful meeting yesterday regarding the proposed Whenuapai Green plan change.

I said that I would provide a copy of the **draft** precinct provisions that relate to NZDF interests and the RNZAF Base Auckland. These are **attached**. Please note that they are preliminary and draft, and do not yet incorporate any of the amendments to address matters raised at our meeting. It would be great if you can provide some feedback on the precinct provisions so that we can consider those matters in preparing the Plan Change.

You also asked for contact details of NCL's acoustic consultant, so that there can be a discussion between him and NZDF's acoustic consultant. That sounds like a positive and pragmatic approach, and NCL agreed that they would be keen to support that. NCL's acoustic consultant's details are:

s. 9(2)(a)

s. 9(2)(a) mentioned the stream that flows through the NCL land and RNZAF Base Auckland and enquired about the stormwater approach that is proposed. I have included a link below to the EPA website page that contains the Stormwater Management Plan for the previous Fast-track Consenting Act application. The SMP provides details about what is proposed. As you will see, there is no proposal to interfere with the natural flow of the stream in any way. The intended land use around the stream is shown on the draft scheme plan **attached**.

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/whenuapai-green/the-application/>

Also **attached** is the reverse sensitivity assessment provided with the Fast-track application. It sets out the relevant issues and provisions of the Auckland Unitary Plan and designations, and addresses the standard NZDF conditions (including some amendments to reflect agreements reached between NZDF and NCL). s. 9(2)(ba)(i), s. 9(2)(j)

A few other notes arising from our meeting:

- s. 9(2)(ba)(i), s. 9(2)(j)

s. 9(2)(ba)(i), s. 9(2)(j)

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Thanks again.

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