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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 1 July 2025 to the Auckland Council requesting, under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987:

All groundwater sampling results from within or surrounding the North Head / Maungauika site, including but not limited to:

- *Contaminant testing results (e.g. hydrocarbons, heavy metals, VOCs, explosives residues)*
- *Sampling methodologies and dates*
- *GPS coordinates or maps showing sample locations*
- *Laboratory analysis reports*
- *Any internal reports or correspondence interpreting the results*

Details of any groundwater monitoring programmes, environmental assessments, or remedial investigations undertaken at North Head / Maungauika since 1990, especially those involving:

- *The Auckland Council, former Auckland City Council, or North Shore City Council*
- *The Department of Conservation (if reports were shared with Council)*
- *The GCSB, Defence Force, or any contractor acting on behalf of a government agency*

Those parts of your request concerning the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) were transferred for consideration under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

A search of testing results held by the NZDF's Defence Estate and Infrastructure portfolio produced no relevant results. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) 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 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

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