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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 5 August 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. Was the property located at 6 Taumaihi Street, Bulls (Title 555846) ever lawfully disposed of, alienated, or returned to the Crown Land Bank or private ownership from the Defence estate?*
- 2. Is there a record of any transfer of title or disposal consent by the RNZAF, NZDF, or MOD between the time of occupation for defence purposes and the 2016 mortgage registration by ANZ Bank?*
- 3. If such records do not exist, please confirm that the property remains part of the Crown Defence Estate and was never lawfully available for private mortgage registration or sale.*

The above property was taken for defence purposes in 1959. In 2009, it was determined as surplus to defence requirements. On 4 June 2010, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) made a determination that the land was exempted from an offer back to the former owners, and subsequently sold on the open market in 2016. You may wish to contact LINZ (0800 665 463) for records regarding this property.

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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