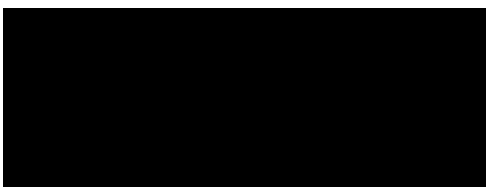




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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for writing to the Ministry of Education to request the following information about Puriri Park in Whangarei:

- *Any communications to, from or associated with the Ministry of Education to do with involvement in the disposals process, including historical title and future use of land currently known as Puriri Park, on Puriri Park Road in the suburb of Maunu, Whangarei*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I am advised that emails currently being processed for release to you by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) capture correspondence between the Ministry of Education and LINZ about the disposals process. Accordingly, this response only addresses the other issues you raise around historical title and future use of land at Puriri Park Reserve.

Regarding historical title, I am releasing to you a note titled **Surplus Bare Land – Puriri Park site (6750) Maunu, Whangarei, Northland**. This is the note I signed to commence the disposal process under section 70A of the Education Act 1989. The land was then passed on to LINZ for disposal in accordance with the requirements set out in the Public Works Act 1981, which provides other agencies, local authorities, former land owners and iwi with an opportunity to signal their interest in surplus properties before they are put to the market for sale.

For further information about the site's historic title, I refer you to the responses to written Parliamentary questions 11023 (2018) and 11024 (2018) from the Minister for Land Information Hon Eugenie Sage, and to written question 11386 from the Minister of Education Hon Chris Hipkins.

The Ministry does not have any interest or input into the future use of the land at Puriri Park Reserve. We can only acquire and retain land to support the delivery of education. We do not provide input into the future use of land that is surplus to our requirements, and we do not approve other agencies' plans for surplus land.

Thank you again for your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to refer this response to an Ombudsman. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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