



11 December 2025

HUD2025-008715

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

On 21 November 2025 Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) received your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

In MHUD's OIA response to me dated October 22, you stated that: "The Ministry does not have any agreements or a relationship with Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust [TACT]." Can you check if that is actually correct? The following statement made in the resource consent application attached, links MHUD to TACT:

"The application is to establish a reintegration housing activity (Pūwhakamua) on a rural site in Waikite Valley. The housing facility is under the operation of Department of Corrections (DoC) and is jointly funded by DoC and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD). The Applicant, Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust, was set up to provide oversight and accountability to Pūwhakamua operations. The Applicant will lease the proposed site from the landowner."

Please clarify what the actual situation here is. If the statement is incorrect, will MHUD be writing to the group which wrote and it (Hayson Knell), and the group the application was sent to (Rotorua Lakes Council), correcting this incorrect record?

As advised in our letter of 22 October, the Ministry does not have any agreement or relationship with Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust. The document you have attached to your latest correspondence is an application from over a year ago from a third-party organisation. On that basis, we do not consider it necessary to seek a correction of that record.

In light of the above, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry and has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rob Denson', written over a circular stamp or seal.

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Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development