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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 30 May 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

any reports regarding the use of land (the former Chch Women's hospital) owned by the CDHB or other related entity between Durham St North and Colombo Street.

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) has identified documents in respect to the former Christchurch Women's Hospital site at 885 Colombo St site. These documents are commercially sensitive because the Ministry at this time and for the foreseeable future still retains an interest in the 885 Colombo Street site. Therefore, these documents are withheld under the following sections of the Act:

Section of Act	Reason to withhold
9(2)(b)(ii)	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
9(2)(j)	To enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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

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