

17 April 2023

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Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, dated 24 March 2023, for the following information:

*“Can I please request details of Kainga Ora's full plans for development of Kainga Ora housing in Kerikeri both now and in the long term?”*

Kāinga Ora has identified seven priority locations for new investment in Te Taitokerau, including Kerikeri and Waipapa.

At this time we have contracted Gemscott to build new homes for us at 3 Clarke Street, 5 Clarke Street and in King Street, Kerikeri. We have recently purchased 115 Kerikeri Road and will engage with the community as we develop our plans for that property. We will also replace two homes in Kerikeri, one that burnt down and one that was in poor condition.

Beyond this we do not have any definite plans to invest further in Kerikeri, but we view this as a good location because of its access to jobs, services and amenities. For these reasons we will continue to investigate options for new homes in Kerikeri and Waipapa.

The letter I provided to you on 28 March 2023, which was in response to correspondence sent to Kāinga Ora Chief Executive Andrew McKenzie, also provides further detail on the need for more public housing investment in Te Taitokerau.

As I noted in my email of 28 March, we have previously discussed having a meeting with you and Kerikeri Retirement Village Chairman Ajit Balasingham to further discuss Kāinga Ora's investment intentions in Kerikeri. This offer stands and I look forward to meeting soon.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at [kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/](http://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/) with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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