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Request from: Private Individual

Information requested: List of abandoned land in the Westland District

Response by: Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

12 February 2024

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for a list of abandoned land in the Westland District

I refer to your official information request dated 11 February 2024 for a list of abandoned land in the Westland District.

"Abandoned land" has the previous ratepayers name and details attached to it, therefore we have decided to refuse your request under section 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at <u>LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz</u>, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

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