

9 May 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 29 April 2023 which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

The geotechnical survey information upon which the recent decision to cancel the Dove [Myer] Robinson Park Erebus Disaster Memorial was made, and also, any associated reasoning showing how that decision to cancel, was based on the survey (instead of say, altering the memorial to make it work).

On 28 April 2023, Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage announced that significant damage caused at the National Erebus Memorial site by recent extreme and unprecedented weather events in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, means a new, enduring home for the memorial needs to be found.

A media release from the Ministry noted that while the proposed National Erebus Memorial will not be placed at Dove Myer Robinson Park, it is committed to securing a home for the National Erebus Memorial.

This media release can be found on the Ministry's website at: <https://mch.govt.nz/new-site-required-national-erebus-memorial-due-safety-concerns>

We have identified three documents relevant to your request. These are listed below:

1.	11 April 2023	<i>Updated Geotech Engineering Report 11 April 2023</i>
2.	24 April 2023	<i>Decision Memo 24 April 2023 signed by the Chief Executive.</i>
3.	27 April 2023	<i>AM23/215 National Erebus Memorial – Decision-making and announcement on next steps</i>

The Aide Memoire 'National Erebus Memorial – Decision-making and announcement on next steps' (AM23/215) is not a decision document, however it has been included in this OIA response as it provides significant contextual information.

The Geotechnical Engineering Report of 11 April 2023 is publicly available on the Ministry's website (<https://mch.govt.nz/sites/default/files/projects/Manatu-taonga-updated-geotech-engineering-report-11-april-2023.pdf>).

The Decision Memo and AM23/215 will be published shortly on the Ministry's website. This will occur within the next fortnight.

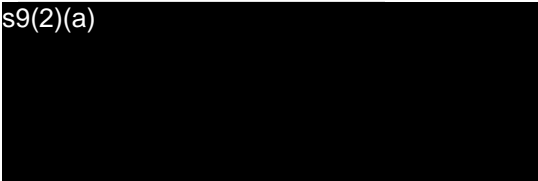
Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the OIA – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oiia@mch.govt.nz.

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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