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RE: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST CDHB 10278

I refer to your email dated 22 February 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

1. **What are the future plans for the boards vacant land on 875 and 885 Colombo Street, Christchurch - that is, the old Women's hospital site consisting of just over 1.93 hectares; namely:**
 - a. **Is this land to be sold? If so, what timeframe?**
 - b. **If not sold are there any plans for buildings on this property (especially in front of the apartments at 871 Colombo Street; one of which I would like to purchase) higher than three stories high?**
 - c. **Is there any type of certainty at all you can give me regarding the future of this site as it will affect properties to the south (re taking of light, sun, etc).**

Canterbury DHB does not have any current plans for this property. If in the future the property is considered surplus to DHB requirements, Canterbury DHB can commence a disposal process.

Prior to declaring DHB property surplus to requirements, the DHB will generally consult with its resident population. After considering any submissions, the Board will decide whether to progress with disposal.

The DHB will obtain the prior approval of its Minister before disposing of DHB property.

Depending on how the property was first acquired, there may be offer back obligations under the Public Works Act. Ngai Tahu will generally also have rights of first refusal pursuant to the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act. Once all statutory clearances have been completed, and if Ngai Tahu do not exercise any rights of first refusal, the property could then be put on the open market for sale.

If the property is sold, Canterbury DHB has no oversight nor control over what a purchasing third party decides to do with it. That party will simply be required to comply with any planning requirements.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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