

OIA Request for Māori Design Library files

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Dear Sir or Madam

Official information request: 'Culturally Responsive Design' Working Group Design Library Project

Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act (OIA):

I am looking for information on the Kāinga Ora 'Culturally Responsive Design' Working Group that aimed to improve built outcomes for Māori and Moananui Pacific Peoples between 2022-2024. This Working Group was cross departmental and led by Te Kurutao Māori Group, with input from others from the Construction and Innovation Group and Urbna Planning and Design Group.

Documents containing the initial findings of the 'Culturally Responsive Design' Working Group. Documents of the project brief for the Design Library project following the initial findings of the 'Culturally Responsive Design' Working Group.

Design documentation drawings included in the Design Library project that ran from 2023-2024. This design project was led by the Architecture team, who reconfigured existing Kāinga Ora housing typologies and developed new housing typologies. I am seeking design drawings of both reconfigured housing typologies and new housing typologies created by the Architecture team for the Design Library project.

While this design research has been subsumed by the 'Optimised Design' project, it remains a valuable teaching resource for students and practitioners wishing to design for Māori and Moananui (Pacific) Peoples and their preferred cultural ways of living.

Accordingly, I am not seeking information on the 'Optimised Design' project that subsumed the Design Library project in 2024, nor any design documents of related to the 'Optimised Design' project. I am not seeking information like internal emails, information on the project team, draft documents or personal information.

If you need any more information from me, please let me know as soon as possible.

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Yours faithfully,

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