

15 August 2025

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I write in response to your request to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities dated 20 June 2025, for information under the Official Information Act (the Act):

“Can you please tell me how many residences/units were demolished on the pieces of land that are now not proceeding, and the total numbers of tenants who had been in those residences?”

Kāinga Ora recently reviewed 466 social housing projects across the country to ensure we are getting best value for money and delivering houses in the areas of greatest need. As announced on 19 June 2025, Kāinga Ora is no longer proceeding with 212 projects as originally planned. Further information on this decision can be found on our website: <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/en/NZ/news/kainga-ora-takes-next-step-in-financial-reset/>

Of the 212 projects not proceeding, 43 projects had homes demolished in preparation, totaling 325 homes across 149 sites.

Kāinga Ora projects often involve the demolition of older and no longer fit-for-purpose homes across contiguous sections, some homes may no longer be suitable to be tenanted.

It is not possible to collate information on the number of tenants who have resided in the demolished properties without manually accessing each address in a separate tenancy database and cross-referencing this information against individual property files.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. However, we can supply the number of bedrooms in the 325 demolished properties.

The attached table provides a breakdown of the 325 homes demolished properties by Territorial Local Authority along with a summary of the number of bedrooms for each of the properties.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. There is Information about how to make a complaint at <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz> or by freephone on [0800 802 602](tel:0800802602).

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

Nāku iti noa, nā



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Attachment 1 Homes demolished by Territorial Local Authority (TLA) and bedrooms

TLA	Bedrooms						Total
	Bedsit	1	2	3	4	5	
Ashburton	-		2	2	1	-	5
Auckland	12	67	51	32	6	-	168
Christchurch City	18	-	36	-	-	-	54
Dunedin City	-	-	14	8	-	-	22
Far North District	-	-	2	3	-	-	5
Kaikoura District	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Lower Hutt City	-	-	4	-	-	-	4
Manawatu District	-	-	-	-	1		1
Napier City	-	-	-	8	-	1-	9
Nelson City	-	-	-	4	-	-	4
New Plymouth District	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Palmerston North City	-	6	2	29	1		38
Porirua City	-	-	-	1	3	-	4
Thames-Coromandel District	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Waikato District	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Whakatane District	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Whangarei District	-	-	-	3	1	-	4
Total	30	73	112	96	13	1	325