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Dear 

I refer to your email of 6 October 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *the name of the person who left the sinking HMNZS Manawanui last*

A Court of Inquiry has been convened to investigate the circumstances surrounding the sinking of HMNZS Manawanui. The requested information is therefore withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA, in order to protect the public interest in the effective conduct of the Court of Inquiry. The New Zealand Defence Force intends to make the report of the Court of Inquiry publicly available once complete.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

**AJ WOODS**

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