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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 2 December 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), a copy of the interim report from the Court of Inquiry held into the sinking of HMNZS Manawanui.

The interim report of the Court of inquiry is not authorised for release by the Chief of Navy under section 200T of the Armed Forces Discipline Act 1971, as the Court of Inquiry remains ongoing. This decision is in accordance with section 6(c) of the OIA.

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 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

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