

Media Statement – 12 August, 2017

The Ministry of Education and Victoria University of Wellington are continuing with positive and constructive discussions over the future of a parcel of land on the University's former Karori campus site.

The Ministry has indicated previously that it is interested in potentially developing a Technology Hub on the campus land.

Victoria University Vice-Chancellor Grant Guilford and Ministry of Education Head of Infrastructure Service Kim Shannon say: "discussions are ongoing to see if an agreement can be made in a timely manner. We're mindful of the strong interest from various other parties and the community regarding the Karori campus land."

Kim Shannon says "We are working hard and trying to secure a parcel of the land for schools and for community amenities. The Ministry is keen to help facilitate progress with the community and the Wellington City Council. It is important that we continue negotiations to try and secure a path that balances all parties' interests."

Professor Guilford says "while we complete these discussions, Victoria University will not be accepting offers on the parcel of campus land on which the Ministry has made an offer."

Kim Shannon and Professor Guilford say it is in the best interests of all parties to take the time to get this right.