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Tēnā koe **Response to your official information request**

Thank you for your official information request received on 18 July 2024 for information relating to Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) managed land at Mount Crawford and Watts Peninsula.

Please find our responses to your questions (using your numbering) below. Some of the information being released as requested has been redacted under the following sections of the Official Information Act:

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| Section 9(2)(a) | to protect the privacy of a natural person |
| Section 9(2)(f)(iv) | to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by officials |
| Section 9(2)(g)(i) | to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions |
| Section 9(2)(j): | to protect the ability of agencies to negotiate effectively |

Mount Crawford

1. *For the current discussions between LINZ and the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (PNBST) regarding their 'right of first refusal' in relation to the land known as Mount Crawford,*

1.1. On what dates have the meetings occurred (in the past 12 months);

LINZ and PNBST representatives have had one meeting on 9 May 2024 regarding the right of first refusal process for the land at Mount Crawford. The purpose of the meeting was to make introductions and take PNBST representatives through the high-level process.

1.2. Who attended each meeting?

At the meeting on 9 May 2024 were:

LINZ attendees: Kathy Mansell (Kaihautū, Māori Crown Relations)
David Hunter (Senior Solution Delivery Specialist)

PNBST attendees: Kirsty Tamanui (Kaiwhakahaere Pakihi | General Manager
Business Services & Operations)
Lisle McErlane (Commercial Manager)

2. What stage are the current discussions about the RFR at?

The general process for disposing of Crown-owned land follows the 4 steps below. Properties may be disposed of at any stage of the process.

1. Determine if the land is needed for any other public works.
2. Determine if the land needs to be offered back to the person the Crown originally purchased it from, or their successors.
3. Offer the land to Māori under a Treaty settlement. This process is called Right of First Refusal. Alternatively, the Crown may decide to hold the land for a future settlement.
4. Sell the land on the open market.

For the land at Mount Crawford, we are up to step 3. LINZ is now working to prepare an offer to PNBST.

3. What is the planned timeline for the discussions, decision making and possible sale?

There is no defined timeline for the disposal of the land at Mount Crawford.

The LINZ Crown Property team (acting as 'the vendor agency') must ensure it meets all the requirements of the disposals process as set out in legislation and regulations. This team are responsible for preparing a draft right of first refusal offer that would be presented to PNBST.

You can read more about the Right of First Refusal process on the [LINZ website](#)¹.

4. Please provide copies of the minutes of all meetings during the past 12 months and all correspondence related to this topic between LINZ and PNBST.

No minutes were taken at the meeting on 9 May 2024. Therefore, I must refuse this request under section 18(e) of Official Information Act 1982 as this information does not exist.

¹ <https://www.lin.govt.nz/guidance/crown-property/treaty-settlements/right-first-refusal-rfr>

Watts Peninsula

5. *With reference to the iwi-Crown working group looking at the future governance and administrative arrangements for the proposed reserve at Watts Peninsula,*

5.1. *What organisations are represented on the working group?*

Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), Department of Conservation, Te Arawhiti, and Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (PNBST).

5.2. *What are the names, the organisations they represent and the roles of the people attending each of the last ten meetings of the working group?*

LINZ (excluding minute takers):

Kathy Mansell, Kaihautū Māori Crown Relations (Chair)
 Jacob Taulealea, Principal Advisor (Māori Crown Relations)
 Natalie Mason, Principal Advisor (Customer Delivery)
 Peter Agnew, Principal Advisor (Policy)

Department of Conservation

Alice Heather, Director Operations (Lower North Island)
 Angus Hulme-Moir, Operations Manager (Kapiti Wellington) (one meeting only)

Te Arawhiti

Marian Smith, Director
 Bernadette Consedine, Principal Advisor (one meeting only)
 Richard Keelan, Senior Advisor

Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (PNBST)

Te Whatanui Winiata, Chair
 Huia Puketapu, Deputy Chair
 Kara Puketapu-Dentice, Chief Executive
 Ihaia Puketapu, Cultural Adviser
 Kirsty Tamanui, General Manager Business Services & Operations
 Lisle McErlane, Commercial Manager

5.3. *What stage are the meetings at and who will the working group report to?*

The Working Group is continuing to meet and ultimately the Minister for Land Information will make decisions, in due course, on the governance arrangements for the proposed reserve at Watts Peninsula.

5.4. *When was the first meeting of the working group held?*

23 November 2023

5.5. *When approximately is the working group expected to report?*

The Working Group has been established to consider and present options for ministerial decisions on the future governance of the proposed reserve after it is transferred to the Department of Conservation. The Working Group does not have a set report-back date but work is progressing well.

6. ***Please provide a copy of the working group's terms of reference***

Please find the Terms of Reference for the Motū Kairangi/Watts Peninsula Working Group attached as **Appendix 1** with redactions as noted above.

7. ***Please provide copies of the minutes from all the working group meetings to date.***

Please find the Working Group minutes attached as **Appendix 2** with redactions as noted above.

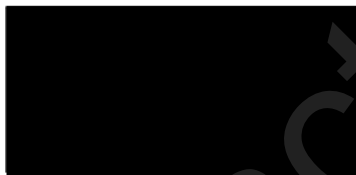
We are of the view that the withholding of the information is not outweighed by the public interest to make that information available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website. This is likely to be published by 30 September 2024.

Nāku noa, nā



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Head of Crown Property