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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 1 October 2024 for information related to specific NZVD2016 marks in the Geodetic Database.

With respect to your request for information on specific NZVD2016 vertical control marks, this information is publicly available through the Geodetic Database on the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ website <https://www.geodesy.linz.govt.nz/gdb/> or Landonline Web Search for registered users. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act (the Act).

With respect to how heights have been derived for the marks in your request, we are unable to isolate the establisher of specific marks due to the method used to derive NZVD2016 heights. To provide further clarity on the derivation of NZVD2016 heights:

- The Surveyor-General specifies the Cadastral Vertical Control Network in terms of NZVD2016. This is provided to enable surveyors to efficiently connect cadastral surveys to the official national vertical datum as required by the Cadastral Survey Rules 2021.
- LINZ allocates orders, tiers and classes for a Cadastral Vertical Control Marks based on LINZ Standard LINZS25006 which includes quality. The Surveyor-General deems this as suitable to meet the needs of the cadastre with specification of absolute and relative positional accuracies which provide sufficient definition to support the definition of height limited property rights in the cadastre.

The detail for the entire Cadastral Vertical Control Network adjustment could be supplied as the basis for understanding how heights have been derived. Please indicate if you would like to discuss this.

With respect to request for specific details relating to who has undertaken survey work, the field information, methodology or equipment for aspects for observations used in the

Cadastral Vertical Control Network, we are refusing your request as this information either:

- does not exist – section 18(e) of the Act; or
- is possibly located on numerous offsite, archived files and therefore the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research - section 18(f) of the Act.

In reaching this decision we note that provision of this information is unnecessary to support the purpose of the NZVD2016 heightened vertical control marks for cadastral surveys.

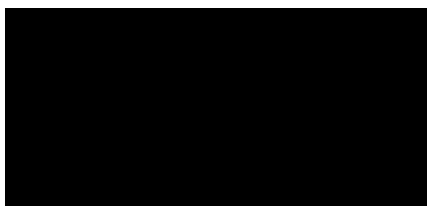
We are of the view the withholding of the information is not outweighed by the public interest to make that information available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Jeff Needham, Deputy Surveyor-General, jneedham@linz.govt.nz, [REDACTED]

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 29 November 2024

Nāku noa, nā



Anselm Haanen
Surveyor-General