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## Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information requests received on 28 March 2024 and 4 April 2024 for LTNZ: Addressing land acquisition challenges under the Public Works Act 1981 27/02/2024 and BRF 24-328 Further advice on the Public Works Act 1981 and Fast Track Consenting.

We have combined these requests into a single response. We have also taken the first request to mean "BRF 24-304: Addressing land acquisition challenges under the Public Works Act 1981" dated 23 February 2024.

Some of the information you have requested is attached. However, some of BRF 24-304 and the entirety of BRF 24-328 has been withheld for the reasons outlined below.

## From BRF 24-304: Addressing land acquisition challenges under the Public Works Act 1981

"Appendix 1: Detailed information on PWA delay areas" has been withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 as release would prejudice the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials, and this information is subject to ongoing decisions by Ministers. Sections in two paragraphs relating to this Appendix have also been redacted under section 9(2)(f)(iv).

A signature has been redacted under section 9(2)(a) in order to protect personal privacy; the name of the signatory has not been redacted.

The section headed "Crown Law advice – legally privileged" has been redacted under section 9(2)(h) of the Official Information Act as it is legally privileged. A further reference to the advice has also been redacted.

## From BRF 24-328: Further advice on the Public Works Act 1981 and Fast Track Consenting

We have withheld BRF 24-328 under section 9(2)(f)(iv), as it relates to decisions still under active consideration by Ministers. We will proactively release this briefing once final decisions have been made.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact <a href="ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz">ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz</a>

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 <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, with your personal details withheld, and the attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website. This is likely to be published by 31 May 2024.

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Nāku noa, nā

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