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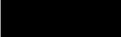
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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 17 April 2024 "in respect of an area of land given the name of Motu Kairangi¹. I seek all details on file with LINZ, that which is publicly accessible in respect of the history and ownership and registered lot numbers in parcel of this land, as it is my intention to thereafter apply for an interlocutory injunction or to apply a public law caveat on all further transactions and negotiations as will be identified specifically for the information you provide."

Please find the information requested below.

1. Crown ownership timeline

- 1886** Under the Public Works Act 1882 Amendment Act 1885, the land was proclaimed to be taken for construction of defence works. A copy of this proclamation is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 2000** The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) determined that their landholding at Watts Peninsula is no longer required for defence purposes.
- 2011** Cabinet agreed that Watts Peninsula should be protected, preserved and developed as a distinctive national destination. The Ministry for Culture and Heritage began planning to create a reserve that reflects the area's historical and cultural significance to the Wellington region.
- 2016** Cabinet agreed to transfer the land from NZDF to Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), and work begins on the process and resources required to declare Watts Peninsula a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.

LINZ is continuing to partner with the Department of Conservation, Te Arawhiti and Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust on this future public space.

¹ Historical land records refer to this land as Watts Peninsula.

2. Land parcel information²

Appellation	Section 100 SO 528811
Affected surveys	SO 528811, SO 581456
Statutory actions	[Create] Defence Purposes. New Zealand Gazette 2020 In 5538 Balance of land in Gazette 1886 p 694

3. Instrument Information³

Instrument Number	55
Instrument Type	Proclamation
Date & Time Lodged	03 June 1886

You can find more publicly available information on the [LINZ website](#)⁴, the [LINZ Data Service](#)⁵, and the [LINZ Land Record Search](#)⁶. You can also read more about other land record providers [here](#)⁷ on the LINZ website.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please 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 28 June 2024.

Nāku noa, nā



Kathy Mansell
Kaihautū/Deputy Secretary, Māori Crown Relations

² NZ Primary Parcel data retrieved from LINZ Data Service on 13 May 2024: <https://data.linz.govt.nz/>

³ Instrument information retrieved from LINZ Land Record Search on 13 May 2024:
<https://lrs.linz.govt.nz/search/instruments/4704350?fromSearch=true>

⁴ <https://www.linz.govt.nz/>

⁵ <https://data.linz.govt.nz/>

⁶ <https://lrs.linz.govt.nz/search/>

⁷ <https://www.linz.govt.nz/products-services/land-records/other-land-record-providers>

Land taken for Construction of Defence Works at Watts Peninsula, Wellington.

(L.S.) Wm. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS,
Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the land mentioned and described in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken, under "The Public Works Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1885," for the construction of a public work within the meaning of the said Act: And whereas all notices and acts required by law to be given and done have been duly given and performed, and the Minister for Public Works has laid before the Governor a memorial containing a list of the lands proposed to be taken as aforesaid, together with a map showing accurately the position and extent thereof, as required by "The Public Works Act, 1882," and the Acts amending the same:

Now, therefore, I, William Francis Drummond Jervois, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities in me vested by "The Public Works Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1885," and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in that behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that the land mentioned and described in the Schedule hereto is hereby taken for the construction of a public work within the meaning of "The Public Works Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1885," namely, construction of works for the purpose of defence at Watts Peninsula, Wellington; and it is hereby declared that this Proclamation shall take effect on the day of the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

THE several parcels of land mentioned in list hereunder:—

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land required to be taken.		Being Section No.	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of
A.	B. P.			
111	0 0	1	VII.	Port Nicholson.
96	0 0	2	VII.	Port Nicholson.
38	0 0	Part 3	VII.	Port Nicholson.

All in the Provincial District of Wellington; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 13746, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and included within the line edged pink.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir William Francis Drummond Jervois, Lieutenant-General in Her Majesty's Army, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

EDWARD RICHARDSON,
Minister for Public Works.

⁸ Retrieved 13 May 2024:

<https://library.victoria.ac.nz/databases/nzgazettearchive/pubs/gazettes/1886/1886%20ISSUE%20032.pdf>