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Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 2 November 2022 for

"The number of piezometers, if any, that are used by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) or by contractors on its behalf or by third parties with LINZ's effective consent or approval."

Following extensive enquiries across Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) it has been established that LINZ has no active piezometers on land we are managing. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act as the information requested is not held by LINZ.

For your information regional councils are likely to be the best agencies to provide you information on piezometers as they are generally required to be notified as part of the permitted activities.

The following links provide you with details of the requirements of Environmental Canterbury and the maps that they hold:

<file:///ad.linz.govt.nz/dfs/opa/redirectedfolders/atimms/Downloads/CanterburyLandandWaterRegionalPlanVolume1.PDF>

<https://opendata.canterburymaps.govt.nz/datasets/ecan::piezometric-wells/explore?location=-43.928749%2C171.839009%2C7.88>

You also requested information on what other methods of environmental monitoring, if any, do LINZ (or its contractors) carry out on public conservation land requiring the installation of in situ monitoring equipment.

LINZ do have permanent installations such as tide gauges and GPS equipment. Their primary purpose isn't for 'environmental monitoring'. However, we are providing this detail as the reference to 'environmental monitoring' is somewhat open to interpretation.

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's website. This is likely to be published in January 2023.

Yours sincerely



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