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Tēnā koe 

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 8 October 2023 for information on:

- whether the Watts Peninsula land will be transferred to the Department of Conservation (DoC) in 2023
- copies of cultural (Māori) and heritage studies
- the outcome of the Iwi-Crown working party activities
- the decision on how the existing funding will be handled.

Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) will continue to manage Watts Peninsula land within the approved funding. Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (PNBST) and the Crown (senior officials from LINZ, Te Arawhiti, Te Papa Atawhai and Manatū Taonga) will continue to work together to take a strategic view and actions to progress PNBST aspiration for Te Motu Kairangi.

The Heritage Values Assessment and Cultural Values Assessment are not yet completed or available. LINZ will look to publish these assessments once completed.

The working party has been paused and until it is time for the working party to reconvene, LINZ officials have every confidence the positive operational working relationships in place, and working in partnership, will continue.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Jacob Taulealea, Kaitohutohu Mātāmua Principal Advisor at jtaulealea@linz.govt.nz or 04 495 6203.

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 LINZ website. This is likely to be published by 22 December 2023

Nāku noa, nā



Kathy Mansell
Kaihautū/Deputy Secretary
Māori Crown Relations

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