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**Response to your official information request**

Thank you for your official information request received on 18 October 2023 for information on land at Mount Crawford, Wellington since the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) signalled that they had no further interest in the land. We have answered each of your questions below.

1. With the HUD housing option gone, what options is LINZ now considering for this land (ie the approx 13ha of ex-Corrections land)?

*As HUD recently confirmed that the land at Mount Crawford is no longer required for their purposes, LINZ is considering next steps for this land and plans are yet to be established.*

2. Please provide copies of all reports and correspondence containing post-HUD options for this land.

*As LINZ is still considering next steps for this land and plans are yet to be established, there are no reports or correspondence regarding post-HUD options for Mount Crawford at this stage.*

3. What is the timetable to any post-HUD options?

Post-HUD options for Mount Crawford have not been established yet, and therefore any associated timeframes have not been determined.

4. We understand that HUD encountered geotech problems with the land. Is LINZ aware of any geotech or other hazard issues with this land found by HUD or anyone else and if so what are these issues and what land do they relate to (please provide a map)?

*High level geotechnical desktop information was provided to LINZ by HUD relating geotechnical hazards on Mount Crawford. It was confirmed that the overall site was stable but there are potential for controlled fill areas on the site. Some steeper areas on the site have a risk of slips.*

*A number of potential contamination hazards on the land have been suggested based on historical land use. Please note these hazards have not been confirmed, and include potential hazards on Watts Peninsular as well as the land at Mount Crawford. Invasive testing would be required to confirm if they exist and where they are located on the land. We don't hold maps on the location of these hazards and LINZ has not carried out its own investigations.*

*Potential hazards based on historic land use include:*

- *livestock dip or spray race operations,*
- *persistent pesticide bulk storage or use including sports turfs, market gardens, orchards, glass houses or spray sheds,*
- *storage tanks or drums for fuel, chemicals or liquid waste,*
- *explosive or ordinance production, maintenance, dismantling, disposal, bulk storage or pre-packaging,*
- *Gun clubs or rifle ranges, including clay target clubs that use lead munitions outdoors,*
- *Training areas set aside exclusively or primarily for the detonation of explosives.*

*Other hazards identified by desktop assessments for this land include: seismic hazards, possible slope stability in areas, and erosion in areas.*

5. Is LINZ still considering housing on this land and if so please provide details (including how many houses and where on a map)?

*LINZ is not involved or considered developing housing on this land. LINZ is responsible for managing the property under the Public Works Act 1981.*

6. Is the land to be offered under iwi right of first refusal and if so what is the timetable for this?

*Mount Crawford is subject to right of first refusal provisions under the Port Nicholson Block (Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika) Claims Settlement Act 2009. Post HUD options for Mount Crawford have not been established yet, and therefore any associated timeframes have not been determined.*

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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 may be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand's website. This is likely to be published by 22 December 2023.

Nāku noa, nā



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