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**Response to your official information request**

Thank you for your official information request received on 17 November 2023, for the recreational reserve administered by DoC and locally known as the Cathedral Cove Track and Reserve. Requesting all information held or able to be accessed on the original deed of gift from Vaughn and Dawn Harsant and the Crown.

Investigations of the Land Transfer Register have identified two transfer documents H382460, S543392, and Gazette Notice 7796681.1 – South Auckland Land District. While not specifically “Deeds of Gift” the transfers do appear to be from Owen Harsant to the Crown, and therefore copies have been included for completeness.

We have examined our historical file sequences and are unable to identify anything relevant to that land still held by us searching under “Harsant” or “Cathedral Cove”. Most of the files that might be relevant were transferred to Archives New Zealand Auckland Office some years ago.

These files include (but may not be limited to) ones referencing extensions in the Town of Hahei relating to OV Harsant, and some files on Block XII in Otama Survey District. There are also a number of files relating to the Cathedral Cove Recreation Reserve which look to have been the operating files used by the Department of Lands and Survey and the Department of Conservation.

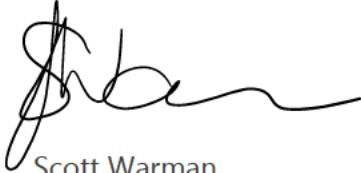
It is difficult to confirm if they contain the information requested, so you would need to approach Archives directly. The files may be viewed in person for free or Archives may provide a copy, although this is a chargeable service.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Alison Midwinter [amidwinter@linz.govt.nz](mailto:amidwinter@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](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 will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website. This is likely to be published by 31 January 2024

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Warman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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