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## Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 30 November 2023 for "a copy of work that was done to support further investment in weed control in Lake Wanaka".

One document has been identified as being within the scope of your request. Enclosed is an initiative document for Budget 2019 entitled 'Protecting lakes, rivers and lands from invasive weeds and pests: The LINZ biosecurity programme'. This document includes a case study on priority investment in Lake Wanaka.

This budget bid aimed to acquire additional baseline appropriation of \$4.525 million per annum for both the LINZ aquatic and terrestrial biosecurity programmes. This is higher than the \$1.85 million per annum funding received through Budget 2019 as the bid was only partially successful and therefore scaled.

Information relating to the terrestrial biosecurity programme that is included in the budget bid document is outside of the scope of your request. This information has however been made available. We are of the view that withholding this information did not outweigh the public interest to make that information available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Julie Percival, Senior Business Partner – Environmental (Natural Resource) by email jpercival@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 <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> 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

Matt Bradley

Proactive Release Acting Head of Crown Property

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