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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 22 December 2023 for information relating to the forestry rights held by China Forestry Group New Zealand Company (**China Forestry**) over your land.

Under the Overseas Investment Act 2005, an overseas person is not required to obtain consent from (or notify) Land Information New Zealand for the acquisition of forestry rights in less than 1000 hectares in a single calendar year.¹ There is no evidence to suggest that China Forestry have exceeded this threshold.

China National Forest Products Trading Corporation & China National Forest Products Industry Corporation (**China National**) previously obtained consent for the acquisition of a freehold interest in approximately 2,132 hectares in the Coromandel District (**Coroglen Forest**) (see <https://www.linz.govt.nz/our-work/overseas-investment-regulation/decisions/2013-03/201220072>). As China National obtained consent for the freehold interest in Coroglen Forest, they were not required to obtain consent for the forestry rights as they became the legal owners of Coroglen Forest. We understand that China Forestry is a part of the organisation structure of these entities.

As advised, there are forestry rights held by China Forestry over your land associated with record of title 559841 and 559840. This combined land area is less than 1000 hectares and, therefore, did not require consent from Land Information New Zealand. For further information on investing in forestry and forestry rights, please see <https://www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/overseas-investment/ways-invest/investing-forestry-and-forestry-rights/investing-forestry-and-forestry-rights-16-august-2022>.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oio@linz.govt.nz.

¹ Schedule 3, s 6 of the Overseas Investment Act 2005.

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 website. This is likely to be published by 1 March 2024.

Nāku noa, nā



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