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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 25 June 2024 for “what the intended use of bulk property ownership data is” in relation to the LINZ Data Service (LDS).

As you are aware, Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) has updated its process for accessing restricted property ownership information on the LDS. This is to better protect the personal information LINZ holds and ensure those accessing this information are and will be using it appropriately and uphold the requirements of the Privacy Act 2020.

The process for assessing applications is that an employee at LINZ does an initial review of the application received and decides on the outcome. A second LINZ employee peer reviews the same application to ensure the outcome is agreed upon. Any applications that require further discussions is done through an in-person and/or online meeting to decide the outcome. Please refer to the attached for the criteria used by LINZ for assessment of applications.

Applicants who intend to use the data for personal research and/or analysis will need to provide adequate information for LINZ to be confident there is a genuine need to access the data of all property owners. Some things you may wish to consider is how you will be using the bulk data in your research and/or analysis, what kind of analysis is being undertaken, and so forth.

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 31 August 2024

Nāku noa, nā



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