

Policy issues and context	Options	Panel support	Key trade off	Cabinet-mandated criteria				Indicate your preferred option
				Effective	Efficient	Clarity	Feasible	
Decision-making on compulsory acquisition of whenua Māori								
The power to compulsorily acquire whenua Māori is contentious. Historically, public works legislation has played a significant role in the Crown's alienation of whenua Māori. Whenua Māori is recognised as taonga tuku iho under Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 (TTWMA). Involvement of the Minister for Māori Crown Relations (for land that returned as part of a Treaty settlement) or the Minister for Māori Development (for land covered by TTWMA) may build trust in the decision-making process by ensuring the Minister of Land Information is sufficiently informed of whenua Māori and Māori Crown relations matters relating to the acquisition.	1. Minister for Māori Crown Relations or the Minister for Māori Development joint decision-maker with the Minister for Land Information: for section 23 notices for the compulsory acquisition of protected Māori land	✓	Greater oversight and accountability for contentious decisions with a high level of risk to the Māori Crown relationship. Additional procedural step, but for a very small category of acquisitions.	+	-	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	2. (LINZ preferred) Minister for Land Information consults Minister for Māori Crown Relations or the Minister for Māori Development consulted: on decisions on section 23 notices for the compulsory acquisition of protected Māori land		Consistent with a streamlined process and accountabilities for land acquisitions for public works. May build trust in the decision-making process by ensuring the Minister for Land Information is sufficiently informed before making a decision. Additional procedural step, but for a very small category of acquisitions.	+	0	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Key:**

- + better than doing nothing/the status quo/counterfactual
- + / - a mixture of positive and negative effects
- 0 about the same as doing nothing/the status quo/counterfactual
- worse than doing nothing/the status quo/counterfactual