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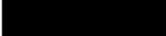
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Dear 

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 10 February 2023 for "all documentation and information about how this website <whatdoesmylandlordown.org> acquired a license to use the data, who signed, and what duty of care they undertook to undertake".

Please find the information requested below:

Process to licence and access property and ownership layers containing personal data within the LINZ Data Service:

Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) provides free online access to land and seabed data through the [LINZ Data Service](#) (LDS). Almost all data published on the LDS is open and publicly accessible under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International licence.

To enable more advanced capability such as bulk downloading, connecting user applications to the data, or accessing property and ownership layers, LDS users must register and agree to licence conditions as follows:

1. To register with LDS, users must create a Koordinates ID¹. This process requires an email address, first name, last name, and password. By registering, users agree to the Koordinates [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Use](#).
2. Once registered, if users want to access data that contains personal information from the LINZ Survey and Titles database, they must request access to the 'Owner Data – Controlled Access Group'. By requesting access, users are agreeing to the [LINZ Licence for Personal Data 2.1](#).
3. Administrators of the Controlled Access Group at LINZ receive the name and email address of those requesting access. Where the name or email address is obviously

¹ Koordinates is the geospatial data management platform used to publish the LINZ Data Service to users.

offensive or deliberately evasive, access is declined based on the request being in breach of Koordinates [Terms of Use](#), clause 14:

Clause 14: You must provide your full name, a valid email address and any other information we request to complete the registration process and you must keep these details up to date. Fictitious entries are not permitted.

4. Upon approval, users are added to the Controlled Access Group, and can access the additional datasets that contain personal information through the LDS.
5. LINZ can revoke access to the Controlled Access Group where there is reason to believe the user has breached the terms of the LINZ Licence for Personal Data or the Koordinates Terms and Conditions.

In response to your email received on 11 February 2023, LINZ is continuing to investigate and work with the website operator. As a result, several adjustments have been made to their service and additional information has been requested to enable LINZ to determine if the website is meeting licence conditions.

On completion of our investigations, LINZ will provide you an update of our decision.

LINZ continues to liaise with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner about privacy concerns, and how we review the data - including personal information - that is provided.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. 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's website. This is likely to be published by 28 April 2023

Yours sincerely



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