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Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 20 March 2023 for all documents/information that speak to Māori data sovereignty implementation or Māori data governance implementation.

Toitū Te Whenua's position is to provide open access to data relating to whenua, moana and arawai. We are continuing to make this data more accessible. We are also working to develop our understanding and capability to support Māori data sovereignty and governance. However, as described in [DOIA 23-084](#), we do not hold information on Māori data sovereignty and Māori data, and instead refer to the Te Mana Raraunga definition of Māori data: <https://www.temanararaunga.maori.nz/patai>.

To support your research, we have reviewed the example documents requested, with the following outcome:

Request	Outcome
1. Position statements	No specific reference to Māori data sovereignty. However, please refer to page 16-18 in our Strategic Intentions document: Toitū Te Whenua Strategic Intentions 2023-27.pdf (linz.govt.nz)
2. Maturity assessment in the Māori data space	None available
3. Māori data standards you have	None available
4. Procedures relating to Māori data	None available
5. Procurement questions or selection criteria for procurement of IT or technology services that reference Māori data or Mana Ōrite	None available

6. Internal Māori data/information guidelines over and above referencing Te Mana Raraunga or Te Kāhui Raraunga content.	None available
7. Training material your agency has created on Māori data sovereignty or Māori data governance	None available
8. Terms of references for Māori data governance groups	None available
9. Job descriptions for Māori data roles that have been created	None available
10. Org chart diagrams or a list of any Māori data teams that shows the different roles, how many FTEs and what tier the manager is at (names and contact details of people not needed)	None available
11. Data/information principles or data tikanga that draw upon Māori values and how they are given effect to.	None available.
12. Waiata, karakia, pūrākau, or whakatauaāki that have been created that reference Māori data.	<p>Waiata – please refer to “Toitū Te Whenua”</p> <p>Karakia – please refer to “Opening Karakia - Toitū Te Whenua Oct 2022” and “Closing Karakia - Toitū Te Whenua Oct 2022”</p> <p>Our Kaupapa – please refer to “Our Kaupapa – Mar 2023”</p> <p>Pūrākau or Whakatauaāki - many Toitū Te Whenua stories are about whenua, moana and arawai. Therefore, your request for pūrākau, or whakatauaāki will involve substantial collation and research. Accordingly, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.</p>

	<p>However, if you are able to identify specific examples of the types of pūrākau, or whakataukāki that wouldn't require substantial collation or research, we would review whether such an approach is possible.</p>
13. Memberships/roles and responsibilities of Māori data governance groups	<p>Toitū Te Whenua participated in several Māori data governance (MDG) model wānanga as part of the Kāwanatanga co-design group and Crown Thought Leadership Group (CTLG), led by Statistics New Zealand. Further information can be found at: Co-designing Māori data governance - data.govt.nz</p>
14. Rituals or ceremonies relating to Māori data	<p>Toitū Te Whenua do not have any formal rituals; however the following example may be of interest in your research: Tōia a Taranaki ki te wharau! - Mapping the way forward to reconnecting whānau and whenua - Issuu</p>
15. Data groups, data programmes or data platforms with Māori names and the meaning behind the names	<p>While Toitū Te Whenua have Māori names for several of our internal groups, programmes, and platforms, none of these are focused on Māori data sovereignty.</p>

We are of the view that the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make that information available. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact ministerialsupport@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 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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