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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 4 July 2023 for any briefings, aide memoirs, and/or memoirs provided to the Minister for Land Information on amendments to the Public Works Act 1981 to prevent further acquisition of Māori land, and/or enable more straightforward return of previously acquired Māori land.

Some of the information you have requested is enclosed. However, some information has been refused under section(s) **9(2)(f)(iv)** which relates to the constitutional conventions which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers or officials, **9(2)(g)(i)** which relates to the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion by Ministers or officials, and **9(2)(h)** which relates to the maintenance of legal professional privilege, of the Official Information Act. Please see **table of briefings** for further details.

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 12 October 2023.

Nāku noa, nā



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