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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 2 August 2023 for information "relating to applications made under the Sensitive land: Benefit to New Zealand – Benefit only test (relating to forestry properties under section s16A(2)(a) of the Overseas Investment Act 2005)."

As of 15 August 2023:

- LINZ is currently assessing 17 applications under the benefit to New Zealand pathway where the applications relate to the conversion of farm land to production forestry.
- No applications of this type have been rejected.
- The average time these applications have been with LINZ for assessment is 66 working days.
- There are three applications with Ministers for a decision which have been with Ministers an average of 19 working days.
- The first decision for an application of this type has been made on 13 August 2023.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oiio@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 30 September 2023.

Nāku noa, nā



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