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Hi [redacted]

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request for a copy of the OI Assessment Report in relation to the consent granted under the Overseas Investment Act 2005 for Sealord Group Limited to acquire Independent Fisheries Limited.

Attached is a copy of the OI Assessment Report which is released in part.

Some information has been withheld under sections:

- 6(c) as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.
- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(b)(ii) as the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- 9(2)ba(i) to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

We are of the view the withholding of the information is not outweighed by 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 29 February 2024

Kind regards



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Proactive Release