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**Response to your official information request**

Thank you for your official information request received on 29 September 2023 for the Crown's Consideration and the Holder's Consideration for 45 high country tenure review settlements.

An additional request was received on 13 October 2023 for four additional high country tenure review settlements.

Some of the information you have requested is enclosed. However, most of the requested settlements have been supplied to you previously under prior official information requests or the information is already publicly available on our website.<sup>1 2</sup>

Whitecomb never completed tenure review and remains a pastoral lease. We are also unable to provide you with a copy of settlement figures for The Grampians and Godley Peaks as settlement is yet to occur. The settlements are being withheld under section 9(2)(ba) and section 9(2)(j) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the release would prejudice the supply of confidential information; and harm the ability of Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand to conduct, without prejudice or disadvantage other settlements.

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. Once settlements have occurred and the approved plans registered, we would again consider an official information request for financial settlement details.

The requested settlements includes properties reviewed under both Part 2 and Part 3 of the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998 (CPLA)<sup>3</sup>. While reviews of pastoral leases under Part 2 required an exchange of payments by the Crown and the Holder; reviews under Part 3 of

<sup>1</sup> Please refer your previous OIA requests; LINZ references DOIA 07-015, DOIA 08-080, DOIA 16-180, DOIA17-134, DOIA18-166.

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to [DOIA 23-132](#) as published on the LINZ website.

<sup>3</sup> Under versions of the CPLA prior to the amendments made by the Royal assent of the Crown Pastoral Reform Act 2022 on 17 May 2022.

unrenewable occupation licences and unused Crown land do not. The settlement figures for Part 2 reviews are enclosed in Attachment A.

A Part 3 Review may designate land to be disposed of in fee simple under the Land Act 1948. Where applicable, a list of the purchase prices where land was subsequently disposed of under the Land Act 1948 is enclosed in Attachment B.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Senior Pastoral Specialist, Richard Summerlee on 03 374 3842 or [rsummerlee@linz.govt.nz](mailto:rsummerlee@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](http://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 in November 2023.

Nāku noa, nā



Sonya Wikitera

Head of Crown Property

## Attachment A – Tenure Review Settlements

Property	Holder's Consideration	Commissioner's Consideration
BENDROSE	\$290,000	\$1,625,000
EREWHON PARK	\$15,000	\$30,000
GLENCOE - EAST OTAGO	\$4,298,000	\$4,360,000
HAPPY VALLEY	\$1,800,000	\$2,440,000
HENROOST <sup>4</sup>	\$206,000	\$106,000
HUXLEY GORGE <sup>5</sup>	\$3,796,700	\$6,333,170
ISLAND HILLS	\$860,000	\$790,000
LONGLANDS	\$3,610,000	\$3,700,000
MIDDLE HILL	\$2,913,000	\$4,660,000
MT DASHER	\$4,050,000	\$4,935,000
SIMONS PASS	\$26,410,000	\$29,405,000
THE WOLDS	\$8,562,000	\$9,377,000
TWIN PEAKS	\$5,070,000	\$5,630,000

<sup>4</sup> Includes the combined settlement figures for Cattle Flat (Southland)

<sup>5</sup> Includes the combined settlement for Huxley Gorge I and Huxley Gorge II

## Attachment B – Part 3 Reviews

Property	Freehold purchase price
AWAKINO	\$27,500
DOMETT DOWNS	N/A
MT GLADSTONE	\$136,500
MT OXFORD	N/A

Proactive release