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Dear [REDACTED]

**Response to your official information request**

Thank you for your official information request received on 19 February 2024 - "...a copy of the full Huntly East Land Subsidence Policy as a PDF as I do not have all the information leaving me disadvantaged due to not having all the facts and what the process is."

Please see attached a copy of the Huntly East Land Subsidence Policy (in pdf format) as issued in July 1993. This version was a significant update to previous versions as it made provision for homeowners of houses within the Policy area with little or no damage to seek purchase by the Crown.

Also attached is a copy of a two-page letter that was given to all homeowners and residents within the Policy zone at the time of the release of the 1993 Policy. This includes information on processes and procedures that were effective at that time.

The processes and criteria have evolved since this 1993 version. The main change is that real estate agents are no longer required to provide copies of advertisements as almost all marketing is on websites such as realestate.co.nz. The owner is still required to agree on a value to determine the purchase price once the Crown has determined that the property is covered by the Policy. Originally three agents were required to be engaged by homeowners. This had its roots in the 1993 context where only three real estate companies were operating in Huntly. This criterium has been reduced to two as more agents now operate in Huntly and the internet advertising reaches far wider than the original print media.

The Policy was revised in 1997 and you have already been provided with a copy of the revised Policy which took effect from 15 September 1997.

Please note, that 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 (LINZ) website. This is likely to be published on the LINZ website by 30 April 2024.

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.

Yours sincerely



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