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E customersupport@linz.govt.nzW www.linz.govt.nzTēnā koe **Response to your official information request**

Thank you for your official information request received on 26 May 2024 for:

1. *In your brief to the incoming minister, there is as far as I can see no detail about LINZ's role and activities in respect of the ex-defence land on Watts Peninsula, Wellington. I presume you have briefed him separately on this and if so I ask to see a copy please.*

Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) provided the Minister for Land Information with a supplementary briefing on Crown land which included information about Watts Peninsula in November 2023.

You can find this information on Pages 14-15 of the supplementary briefing [here](#)¹ on the LINZ website.

The Crown land supplementary briefing was published on the LINZ website on 01 February 2024 under a separate Official Information Act request.

2. *In the brief there is a definition of the right of first refusal in Treaty settlements: "...requires the Crown to offer a long-term option for Iwi to purchase or lease Crown-owned land" (p25). As far as I can tell, this definition is unique; every other definition in government or legal websites and the like is specific that there is a need to offer a right of first refusal only if the government is disposing of the land. I ask if you could please provide the authority or source of LINZ's definition.*

We acknowledge that the full footnote on page 25 of the primary briefing to the incoming Minister for Land Information (November 2023) does not explicitly state that a right of first refusal is in relation to the disposal of Crown-owned land.

¹ <https://www.linz.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2024-03/BRF%202024-149%20Crown%20land%20-%20Land%20Information%20portfolio%20-%20Redacted.pdf>

However, section 4.2 of the Crown land supplementary briefing provided the Minister with further details on the right of first refusal in the context of land that is no longer needed for public works.

Regarding the right of first refusal process for the area of interest for Port Nicholson Block (Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika), there is more information available [here](#)² on the LINZ website.

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 website. This is likely to be published by 31 July 2024.

Nāku noa, nā



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² <https://www.linz.govt.nz/resources/guide/port-nicholson-block-taranaki-whanui-ki-te-upoko-o-te-ika-claims-settlement-right-first-refusal>