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**Response to your official information request**

Thank you for your official information request received on 8 September 2022 for certain information regarding the sale of Gisborne farms - the Huiarua Station and Matanui Station to Ingka Investments being:

1. any email communication between the Overseas Investment Office (OIO) and Ingka Investments.
2. any payment records made by Ingka Investments to an Overseas Investment Office (OIO) employee that worked on the sale of Huiarua Station and Matanui Station.
3. all records containing the words Huiarua Station and Matanui Station.
4. How much land has been approved for sale by the Overseas Investment Office (OIO) in the last three years. From 7th September 2019 to 7th September 2022.

As currently worded parts 1 and 3 of your request would involve substantial collation and research and could possibly be refused under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

However, before we consider such an approach, we would like to work with you to rescope/redefine your request. To assist you in this process the following link provides the Overseas Investment's Assessment Report relating to Ingka Group's application for consent under the Overseas Investment Act 2005 to acquire Huiarua Station and Matanui Station, Gisborne. <https://www.linz.govt.nz/ingka-group%E2%80%99s-application-for-consent-acquire-huiarua-station-and-matanui-station>

The report provides you with details of Ingka Group's proposed investment, their rationale for the investment and their claimed benefits under the Overseas Investment Act 2005, our assessment of the application and the Ministers' decision.

Once you have had the opportunity to review this information you are welcome to identify any additional information that you may wish to receive.

In relation to part 2 of your request we have no information about any payment records made by Ingka Investments to an Overseas Investment Office employee that worked on the sale of Huiarua Station and Matanui Station.

In response to part 4 of your request attached is a table of land area consented to under the Overseas Investment Act 2005 in the period 7 September 2019 to 6 September 2022.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [oiio@linz.govt.nz](mailto: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](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 by the end of October

Yours sincerely



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