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Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board

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Dear [ s 9(2)(a) ]

### Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 28 January 2022 and the further clarification on 10 February 2022.

The information you have requested is detailed below and in the attached Appendices, 1 and 2.

#### 1. *The number of Canterbury properties formally inspected (pastoral inspection) since October 2018*

This information is set out in **Appendix 1**. In summary:

Year	Number of Canterbury properties formally inspected*	LINZ led
2019	7	No**
2020	2	Yes
2021	17	Yes
2022 (to date)	3	Yes

\*A formal inspection results in an inspection report and does not include visits to a property for a consent application, tenure review, familiarity visit, compliance and monitoring, or with another agency.

\*\*2019 was the last year of service provider led property inspections. LINZ staff members now undertake the inspection programme in house.

For comparison, below is the total number of pastoral leases which were formally inspected over the same period.

Year	Number of pastoral leases formally inspected*	LINZ led
2019	24	No**
2020	14	Yes
2021	25	Yes
2022 (to date)	3	Yes

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## **2. Breaches which may have impacted on “inherent values” such as burning or clearing of vegetation, affecting or disturbing soil or properties exceeding stock limitations**

A total of seven breaches on Canterbury properties have been recorded since 2018 - three for unconsented soil disturbance, two for uncontrolled pests, one for unconsented residency, and one for unconsented gravel extraction. These are set out in **Appendix 2**.

In summary:

- During a property inspection it was found that the leaseholder of Mt Dalgety needed to apply to Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) to formalise their residency and gain approval for their farm manager. Once they were advised that they were non-compliant they made the required applications, and the consents were granted.
- LINZ was notified by Environment Canterbury (ECan) that they were issuing Mt Dalgety with a Notice of Direction for wallabies. Since this time, LINZ has been advised by ECan that the wallabies are being controlled but that they're unable to visit the property to formally check the results. This will be followed up with the next visit, currently scheduled for before 30 June 2022
- The leaseholder of Inverary notified LINZ that they had disturbed some soil without consent when putting in a new fence line. The leaseholder reseeded the affected area and LINZ is taking no further action. Inverary has been visited several times by LINZ as part of the new visit regime.
- The leaseholder of Mt Algidus notified LINZ that they had disturbed some soil without consent when putting in a new track. The leaseholder reseeded the affected area and LINZ is taking no further action. Mt Algidus has been visited several times by LINZ as part of the new visit regime.
- Omahau Hill – Unconsented gravel extraction. This was notified by MBIE in 2017. Subsequent investigation found that the proceeds of the gravel extraction, which was from an active shingle slide, were put towards funding wilding tree control, increasing the inherent values on the property overall.
- LINZ was notified by Environment Canterbury (ECan) that they were issuing Glenrock Tekapo with a Notice of Direction for rabbits. Since this time, LINZ has been advised by ECan that the rabbits are being controlled.
- During a consent visit it was found that the leaseholder of Bellamore had disturbed soil without consent to construct an eco-hut. The leaseholder was asked to make a consent application for the disturbance, which occurred on an existing track, and it

was found that no inherent values were affected. The consent was subsequently granted.

**3. *The effects of the contravention on inherent values***

For five of the seven breaches LINZ did not investigate the effects of the activity on inherent values. However, on Bellamore it was noted that no inherent values were affected due to soil disturbance occurring on an existing track and on Omahau Hill it was noted that inherent values (reduction of wilding pines) over the Omahau Hill lease had *increased* as a result of the leaseholder's gravel extraction. In all of these cases, LINZ did not measure off-site effects or downstream effects of these activities.

**4. *What action was taken by the CCL in each case, and the outcome or result***

Please see the information above, at question 2.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Gary Walker at [gwalker@linz.govt.nz](mailto:gwalker@linz.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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