

Briefing on Land Information Portfolio

for Hon Michael Woodhouse

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Chief Executive**

Our roles

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is funded through Vote Lands and has a total departmental appropriation of \$132.3 million for 13/14. Approximately 60% of LINZ's revenue is generated from 3rd parties, mainly through property title transactions and survey changes. LINZ has approximately 475 staff in Wellington, Christchurch and Hamilton.

LINZ manages a wide range of activities that can be grouped under three broad and inter-related roles: leadership of the location information system and management of LINZ location information, management of property rights and Crown land.

Leadership of the location information system and management of LINZ location information

LINZ leads all-of-government efforts to unlock the estimated \$500 million in annual economic benefits from better reuse of location-based information.

LINZ also manages and develops existing and new datasets of core location-based information and releases them for others to use and reuse. This includes topographic, hydrographic, geodetic, cadastral and title information in digital and paper formats, including datasets in a variety of formats, maps and charts.

In addition, LINZ administers place name rights through our support for the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa.

Management of property rights

LINZ administers the New Zealand Survey and Title System which forms the basis of New Zealand's land property rights market and is critical to the on-going functioning of the economy. This is also an important source of location information. LINZ helps ensure confidence in property rights through the delivery of a world-leading system that facilitates the sale, purchase and development of property at a reasonable cost.

LINZ's additional property rights-related roles include regulating property valuation for both the private sector and local government, managing property rights related to reclaimed marine and coastal land, and administering New Zealand's overseas investment legislation.

Management of Crown land

LINZ manages eight per cent of New Zealand's land area, consisting of over 5,000 properties that include 204 South Island High Country pastoral leases, riverbed land, lake beds, major sites such as the Waihi gold mine, and 41 Crown Forestry Licenses. LINZ also provides support to the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA). This will eventually include maintaining up to 8,000 properties in the Canterbury red zone on behalf of CERA. In addition, LINZ regulates the acquisition and disposal of land by all Crown agencies. These transactions make an important contribution to the development of our national infrastructure.

In addition the Overseas Investment Office, based in LINZ, administers New Zealand's overseas investment regime.

LINZ has four independent statutory decisions makers: Surveyor General (Mark Dyer), Registrar General of Lands (Robert Muir), Valuer General (Neil Sullivan) and Commissioner of Crown Lands (David Gullen).

Our Strategic Direction

LINZ's strategic direction is shaped by the Government's Priorities and the following Ministerial Priorities:

- leading the creation of NZ's location system. (Available, accessible and useable location-based information and infrastructure.)
- supporting the rebuild of Canterbury.
- developing the next generation of the New Zealand Survey and Titles system. (As a LINZ contribution to Better Property Services.)
- implementing the Crown Land Centre of Expertise.

During 2013 LINZ looked a decade ahead at how it can apply its focus, funding and people to the greatest benefit for New Zealand.

The creation of a world-class system of integrated, seamless location information is now at the centre of LINZ's 10 year strategic direction. Our vision is - that the power of "where" drives New Zealand's success.

"Where" in the 21st century is all about combining and using any information that can be location-enabled (e.g. health and employment data, weather patterns, public transport routes) from different sources to create increasingly sophisticated and seamless location information.^[1] A world-class location system will give New Zealand tools to make progress addressing complex and persistent issues in the health, social and environmental spheres, and will support decisions, encourage innovation and promote better resource use.

LINZ's goal is for the value generated by location information and its interplay with other information to grow ten fold in the next decade.

Pending Ministerial decisions/ actions

The following is a list of pending decisions and actions for the period 5 May – 30 July 2014. Additional information on these issues is in attachment 1 'Additional Information on the Land Information Portfolio'. The attachment also contains other relevant information relating to the Land Information Portfolio.

While dates for action and/or meeting dates have been indicated as agreed between LINZ and your predecessor, LINZ officials are happy to discuss the timing of any of these items with you and your Office.

^[1] Location information (also known as geospatial information) is information linked to a spatial grid. It can include specific physical locations on, above or below the earth's surface, or anything that moves through a location point.

Compulsory Acquisition of Land under the Public Works Act 1981 (Proclamations)

There are three Proclamations taking interests in land for motorway purposes for the State Highway 1 Wellington Northern Corridor (Transmission Gully). These proclamations require urgent action and are currently at the Minister's Office. The interests involved are:

- 2.8 Ha of land (and easement interests) at 322 Paekakariki Hill Road, Porirua owned by the Pauatahanui Golf Club;
- Forestry rights over 17.7 Ha of land along Paekakariki Hill Road, the rights are owned by the Pauatahanui Forestry Partnership;
- a licence over 0.7 Ha of land at Sievers Grove in Porirua, the licence is held by the Porirua Shooting Association of New Zealand Incorporated.

The authority to issue the Proclamation relating to the Porirua Shooting Association's interests will expire if it is not gazetted by 21 May 2014. There would be significant cost to the Crown and there could be delays to the Transmission Gully work if this timeframe is not met. This matter therefore needs to be urgently progressed through a Minister, to the Governor General and back to LINZ by 13 May 2014 so it can be gazetted before 15 May 2014 (last publication date before 21 May 2014).

All of these Proclamations are for the construction of part of Transmission Gully which is part of the State Highway 1 Wellington Northern Corridor (Levin to Wellington), one of the Government's seven Roads of National Significance. You may wish to consider whether, in order to avoid any perceived conflict of interest with your role as Associate Minister of Transport, these decisions would be best delegated to another Minister.

Refer section 4.1 of attachment 1.

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Overseas investment decisions

The following three overseas investment decisions have been approved by the Associate Minister of Finance and are awaiting a decision by the Minister for Land Information:

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- [Redacted]
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There are no statutory time frames for you to make these decisions, although the timing of your decisions may have personal implications for the various applicants e.g. funding arrangements.

Cabinet papers

[Redacted]

Appointment to the Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board: due to be lodged on 22 May 2014 for consideration by Cabinet Appointment and Honours Committee

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Briefings

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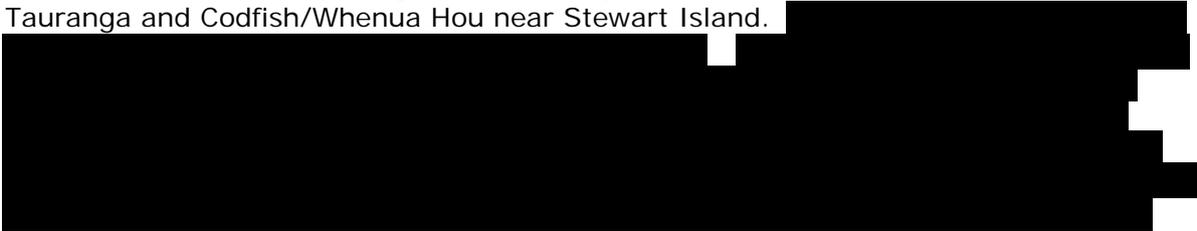
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Other information

New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa.

In October 2013 the Board agreed to publicly consult on names for Stoke Beach in Tauranga and Codfish/Whenua Hou near Stewart Island.



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Select Committee Hearings

The Estimates Hearing for Vote Lands is scheduled for 22 May 2014. Responses to all questions, speech notes and appendices will be available in the week ending 9 May 2014 for review.

Statement of Intent 2014, 17/18

A draft Statement of Intent will be available for Ministerial comment on 20 May 2014 and for signing on 3 June 2014. It is anticipated the SOI will be published 27 June 2014.