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Tēnā koe Craig

Official Information Act request: Claims against Land Information New Zealand, Waitangi Tribunal

Thank you for your request to Hon Kris Fafoi, Minister of Justice, on 13 February 2022. You requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to claims against Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) Waitangi Tribunal. Specifically:

How many applications made against Land Information New Zealand have been received by the Waitangi Tribunal since 2016?

How many applications made against Land Information New Zealand have been registered by the Waitangi Tribunal since 2016?

On 21 February 2022, Hon Kris Fafoi's office contacted you to advise that your request was being transferred to the Ministry of Justice as this information is more closely connected with our functions.

We have consulted with our colleagues at the Waitangi Tribunal Unit and their response to your Official Information Act request is below.

We have undertaken a search of our records and have found the following registered claims that raise allegations in respect of Land Information New Zealand (LINZ).

	Wai no.	Claim name	Claim information
1	Wai 935	The Nelson Land Information New Zealand claim (received May 2001)	The claim is lodged by Dr John Maui and Andrew Stephens on behalf of Ngati Tama Manawhenua Ki Te Tai Ihu Trust and the Wai 723 claimants. The claim concerns the closure of the Nelson District Office of LINZ and the removal from Nelson and transfer to Christchurch of all paper records. The claimants are seeking to retain the records in the Nelson district. The claimants sought an urgent hearing to prevent the proposed removal from the Nelson district of the paper records of LINZ.

2	Wai 957	The Gisborne District Office of Land Information New Zealand claim (received November 2001)	<p>The claim is lodged by Wirangi Tarewa Pera on behalf of Te Aitanga a Mahaki.</p> <p>The claim concerns the closure of the Gisborne District Office of Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) and the relocation of that documentation out of the Turanga district. The claimant alleges that alternative arrangements to house the records in the local Tairāwhiti Museum have been made 'inordinately difficult' by senior LINZ staff. The claimant alleges that the Crown's failure "to provide and maintain adequate access [at] local levels" has or is likely to prejudicially affect the claimant and is contrary to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.</p>
3	Wai 1079	The Maori Land Owners Consultation Forum and Focus Group claim (received September 2003)	<p>This claim is lodged by Wally Papa, Wallie Clark, Ron McGough, John Edmonds, Elthea Pakaru and others on behalf of themselves, Raukawa Trust Board and Raukawa Iwi.</p> <p>The claim concerns the establishment of a Māori Land Owners Consultation Forum and Focus Group which will essentially make recommendations on how Māori land information should be used. It is alleged that this prejudices Raukawa's right to determine how their taonga should be managed and utilised.</p>

The Tribunal has not received any claims regarding LINZ since 2016, nor are there any claims pending registration.

Please email WT.Registrar@justice.govt.nz if you would like further information.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



Sandra Edmonds
Deputy Director, Waitangi Tribunal