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Dear Peter

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 6 June 2023 asking:

- whether Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is responsible for the Valuers Registration Board; and
- what can be done in relation to your complaints to the Valuers Registration Board.

The Valuers Registration Board (VRB) is an independent statutory body administered by LINZ. The VRB is responsible for occupational regulation of registered valuers and issues practising certificates.

LINZ employs the Valuer-General, who is the Chair of the VRB, and facilitates the appointments process for members of the VRB, who are appointed by the Minister for Land Information.

As the VRB is an independent statutory body their decisions, such as the one in relation to your complaint, can only be challenged through the court process which in your case would involve a judicial review through the High Court.

More information on the VRB is available at <https://valuersregistrationboard.org.nz/>

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 will be published on the LINZ. website. This is likely to be published by 31 July 2023

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simon Skews-Poole', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Simon Skews-Poole
Manager
Ministerial Support & Official Correspondence