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Tēnā koe Craig

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 15 August 2023 for “a copy of the Guidance on mapping to support applications for recognition of customary interests under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 Version 1.0 of 24 July 2023, the interim guidelines for mapping recognition orders of 14 April 2022, and copies of relevant gazette notices for both of these.”

Some of the information you have requested is released in full. A pdf of the interim guidelines for mapping recognition orders of 14 April 2022 is attached.

However, your request for information relating to the guidance on mapping to support applications for recognition of customary interests under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 has been refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act. This is because the information requested is publicly available. You can view and download it from the LINZ website here: <https://www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/marine-information/customary-interests>

The interim guidance was produced at short notice to enable the Court to make a decision on the extent of the Customary Marine Title (CMT) areas in one of the first cases. The subsequent more robust Mapping Guidance was developed to help the many other applicants preparing maps of areas over which they are seeking recognition of customary interests.

Your request for copies of relevant gazette notices has also been refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act, as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist. Gazette notices were not required for this guidance.

We have also received another Official Information Act request from you on this topic. The link to the Mapping Guidance provided above contains further links to information which may address your concerns. After exploring these links you may wish to withdraw

or modify your request in light of information that is already available through LINZ or Te Arawhiti.

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, **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 31 October 2023

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Haanen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Anselm Haanen
Surveyor-General | Kairūri Matua