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Tēnā koe Matt

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 23 November 2023 for information on how Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) shares property owner data, and any Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) LINZ has with other departments or commercial businesses regarding property owner data sharing.

LINZ is responsible for administering the [Land Transfer Act 2017](#)¹ (the Act). Sections 9 and 10 of the Act require a public register to be kept of all the land subject to the Act and section 12 sets out what a record of title must contain, which includes registered owner(s).

LINZ maintains the Landonline system, which is a digital platform for registering titles and recording land boundaries and is the register for all private land in New Zealand. You can read more about [Landonline](#)² on the LINZ website.

Members of the public can access records of title held in Landonline data by using the Land Record Search service, being a registered Landonline user, or applying for access to the restricted bulk dataset via the LINZ Data Service (LDS). You can read more about the [Land Record Search](#)³ service and [registering for Landonline](#)⁴ on the LINZ website.

People applying for access to the restricted bulk dataset via the LDS must provide certain evidence they will meet their obligations under the Privacy Act. They must also agree to specific [licence conditions](#)⁵ to protect the personal information; this includes taking measures to ensure the data is not misused, is not provided to third parties unless they agree to the licence, and not use the data for unsolicited direct marketing. More information on [accessing property ownership data via the LDS and licence conditions](#)⁶ can be found on the LINZ website.

¹ <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2017/0030/latest/whole.html>

² <https://www.linz.govt.nz/products-services/landonline>

³ www.linz.govt.nz/products-services/land-records/land-record-search

⁴ www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/landonline-support/sign-and-account-management/sign-landonline

⁵ <https://data.linz.govt.nz/license/linz-licence-personal-data-22/>

⁶ www.linz.govt.nz/products-services/data/licensing-and-using-data/linz-licence-personal-data

Outside the above processes, LINZ does not have any data sharing MoU's or formal agreements with other government departments or commercial business for property owner data.

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 website. This is likely to be published by 31 January 2024

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Aaron Jordan', written in a cursive style.

Aaron Jordan
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