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Tēnā koe Craig

Thank you for your Official Information Act requests to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 21 June 2022 in which you asked for:

Please supply all information relating to any assessment that may or may not have been undertaken for the purpose of the Stewardship Lands Review for the following parcel:

Part Section 106 Wainuiomata District, 18,356 m2 WN20C/1390

Please also supply all information relating to the right of first refusal reference for this title, including any correspondence or assessments related to this provision.

And,

Please supply all information relating to any assessment under the Stewardship Lands Review for the following parcel:

Part Section 115 Harbour District and Section 2, 4 Survey Office Plan 427901, 435,578 m2 title: 531466

I regret that I am not able to provide you with the information you've requested.

In May 2021 the Government announced its plans to speed up the stewardship land reclassification programme by establishing two national panels and undertaking legislative amendments to ensure that the process for reclassifying stewardship land is fit-for-purpose. The stewardship land reclassification programme began on the West Coast of the South Island.

DOC carried out technical assessments of the stewardship land present on the West Coast, producing conservation values reports to inform the recommendations on revised land classifications made by the National and Mana Whenua Panels. These reports can be found on the DOC website here: [Documents supporting stewardship land reclassification: Stewardship land](#).

The Western South Island National and Mana Whenua Panels have finished their immediate assessments and have publicly notified their recommendations on revised land classifications. This includes recommendation reports justifying each recommendation which can be found on the DOC website here: [Documents supporting stewardship land](#)



[reclassification: Stewardship land](#). The notification period for these recommendations closes on **26 July 2022**.

Given the current focus of this work is on the West Coast, no assessments have yet been undertaken by DOC on the specific parcels you have referenced above. Similarly, no research has yet be undertaken relating to the right of first refusal reference for these areas.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Department's website.

If you wish to discuss this with the Department, please contact Joseph Zonneveld – Senior Stewardship Lands Advisor on 027 202 1264 or by email jzonneveld@doc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Beckert'.

Karl Beckert
Acting Director Operations Strategic Support
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Te Papa Atawhai